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MY DEAR
FRIENDS OF NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS!
I COME TO YOU AS
ENERJAK, A
LIVING GOD...

...TO SHOW
YOU ALL HOW
TO LIVE IN
THE BETTER
TOMORROW!

A TOMORROW
FREE OF
PAIN AND
SUFFERING!

A TOMORROW
BUILT BY MY
UNMATCHED
POWER!

A TOMORROW
FREE OF
TECHNOLOGY!

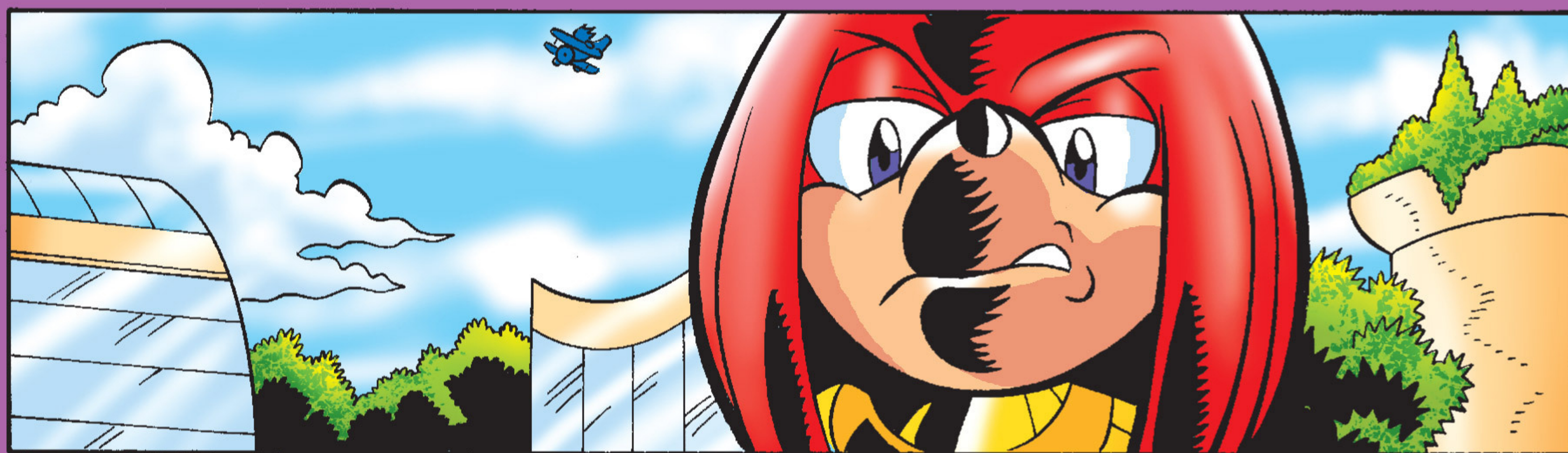
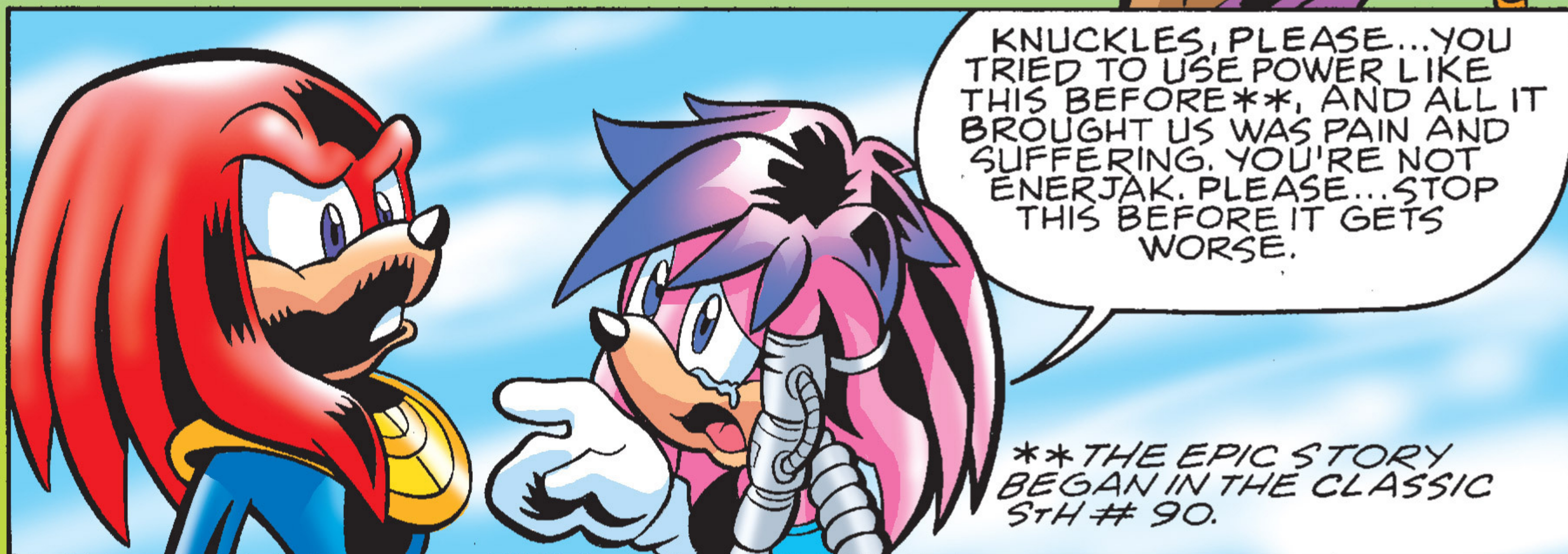
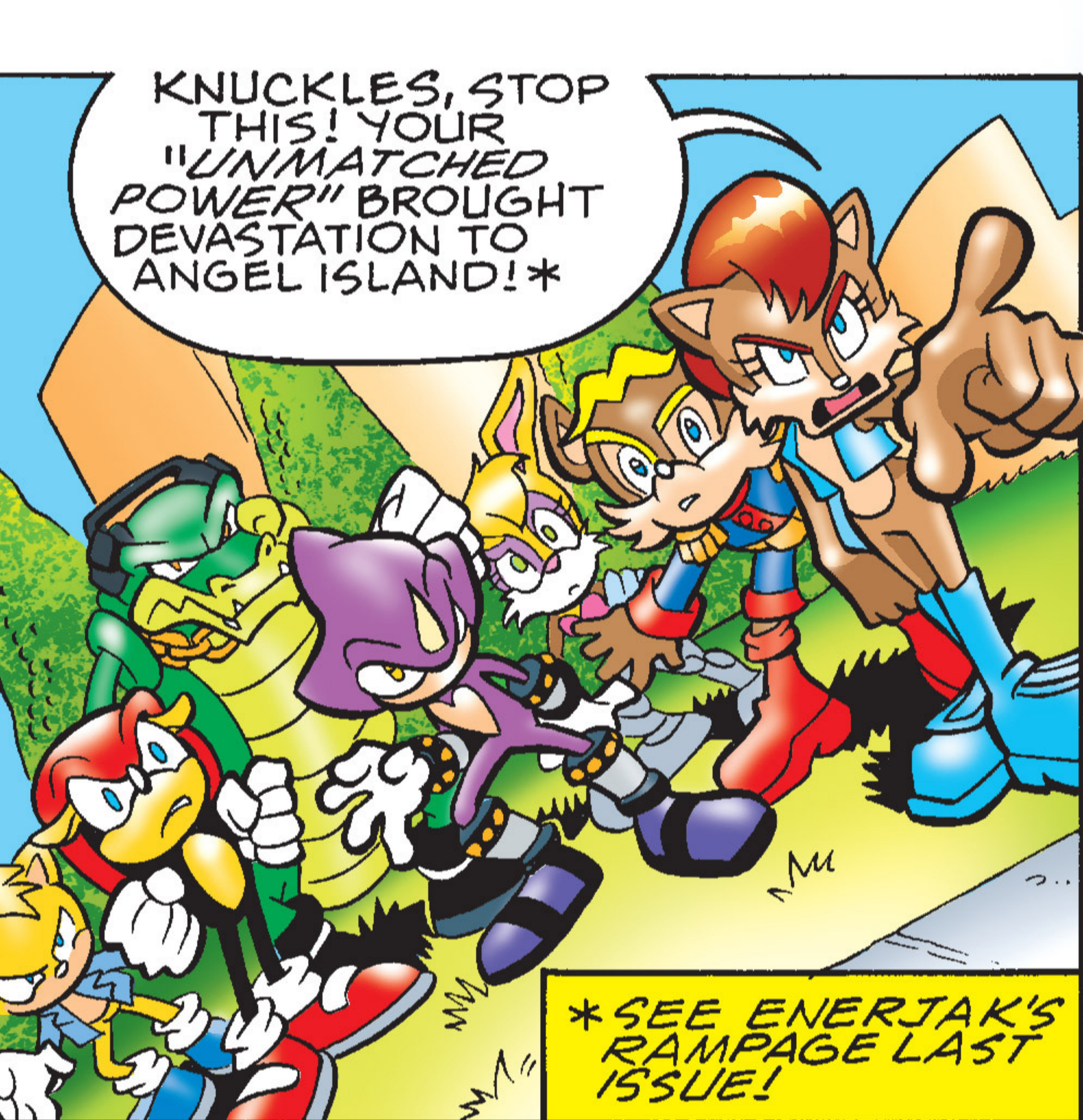
**SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG**
Hero of Mobius

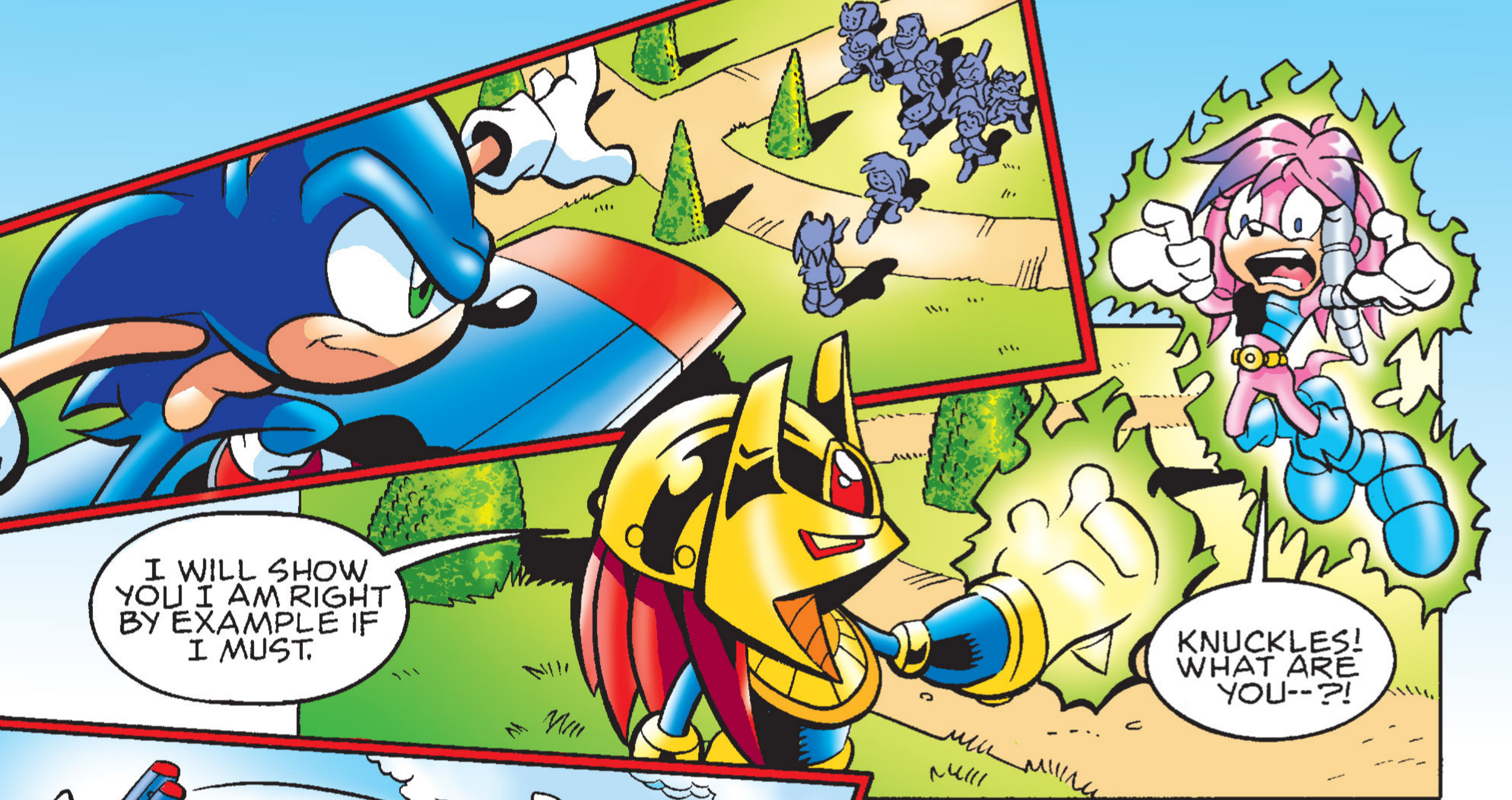
JULIE-SU
Soldier and
Knuckles' Love

ENERJAK
Knuckles Turned
Villain

SALLY ACORN
Princess & Field
Leader

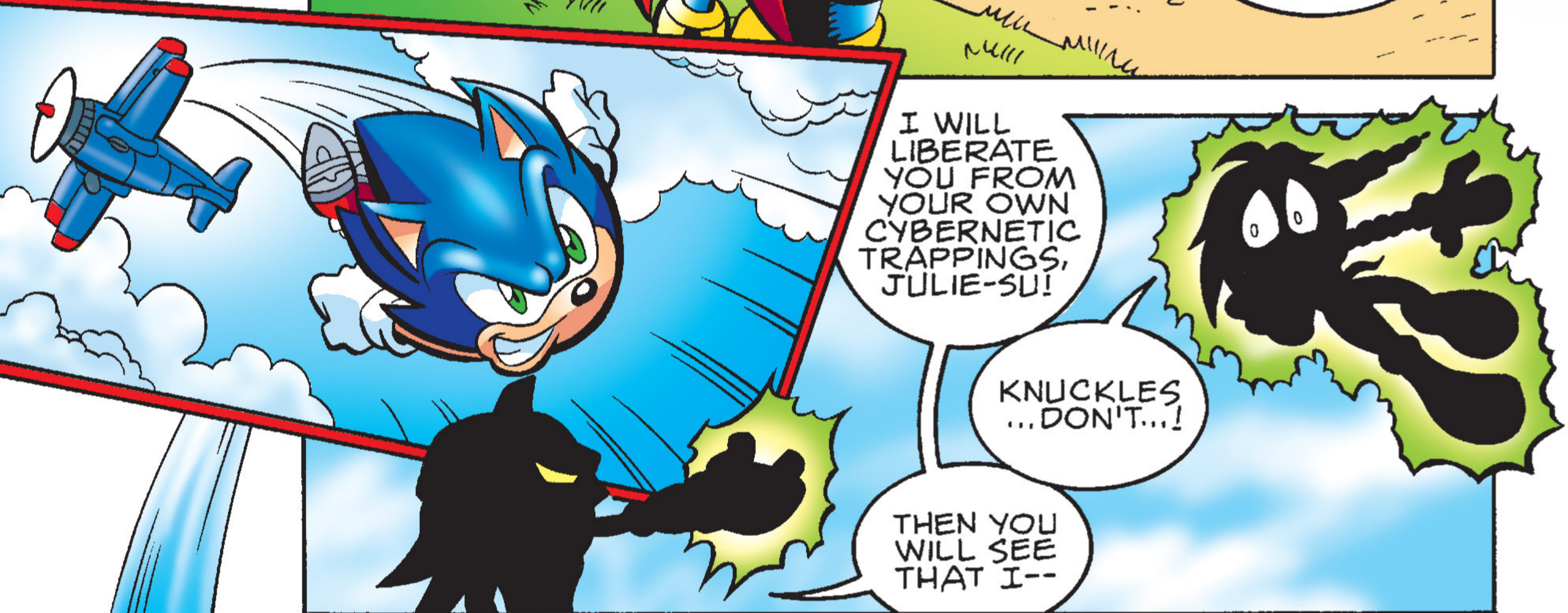
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Holographic
A.I. Mobian





I WILL SHOW
YOU I AM RIGHT
BY EXAMPLE IF
I MUST.

KNUCKLES!
WHAT ARE
YOU--?!



I WILL
LIBERATE
YOU FROM
YOUR OWN
CYBERNETIC
TRAPPINGS,
JULIE-SU!

KNUCKLES
...DON'T...!

THEN YOU
WILL SEE
THAT I--



WHATEVER
YOU WERE
VILLAINOUSLY
MONOLOGING
ABOUT--

ERHN!

--FORGET IT,
ENERJERK!



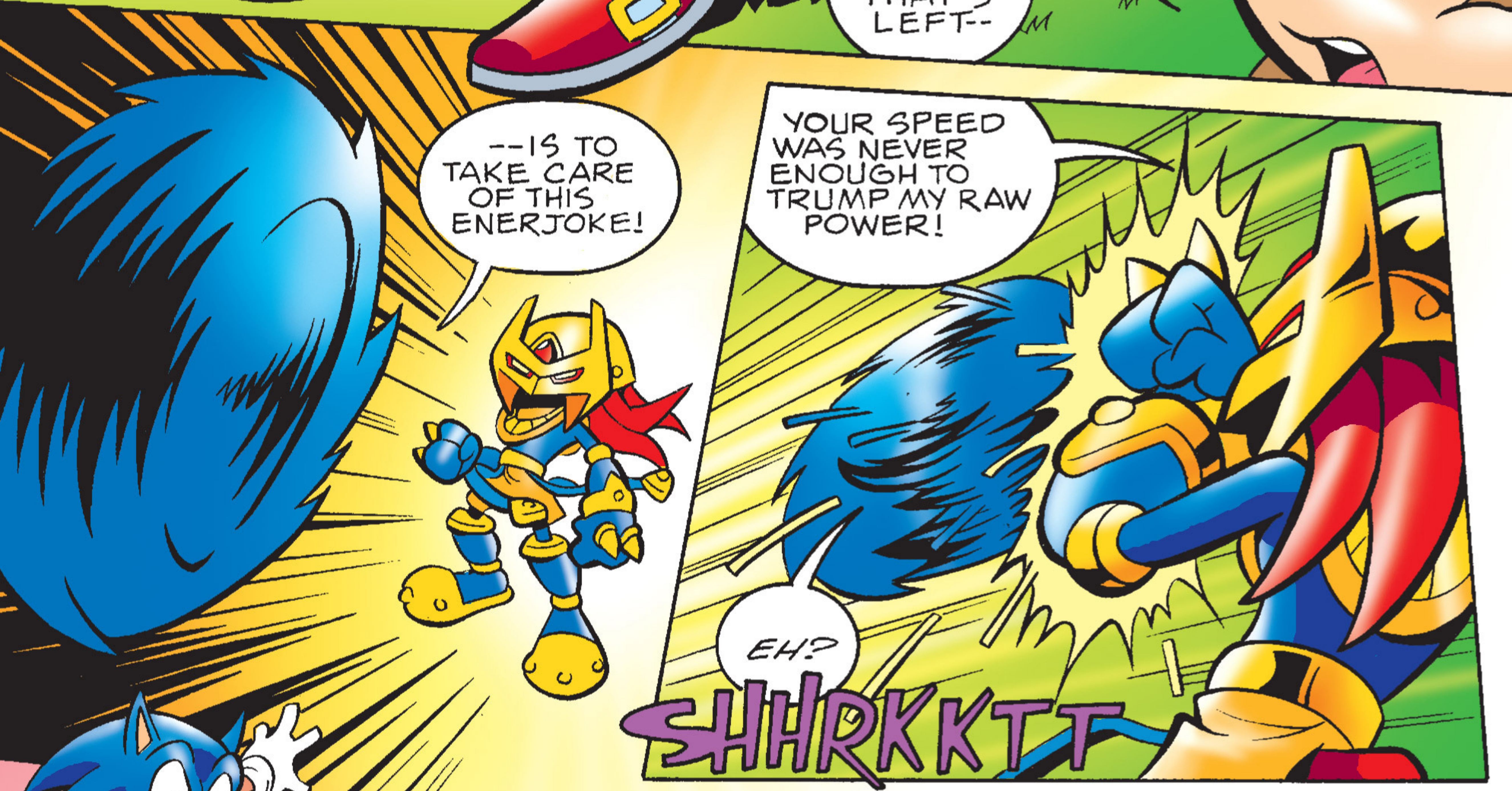
SORRY
I'M LATE.
HEARD FROM
KNUCKLES?

N-YES,
BUT...

COOL, ANY
BACK-UP
COMING
IN?

YES,
BUT--!

COOL.
ALL
THAT'S
LEFT--

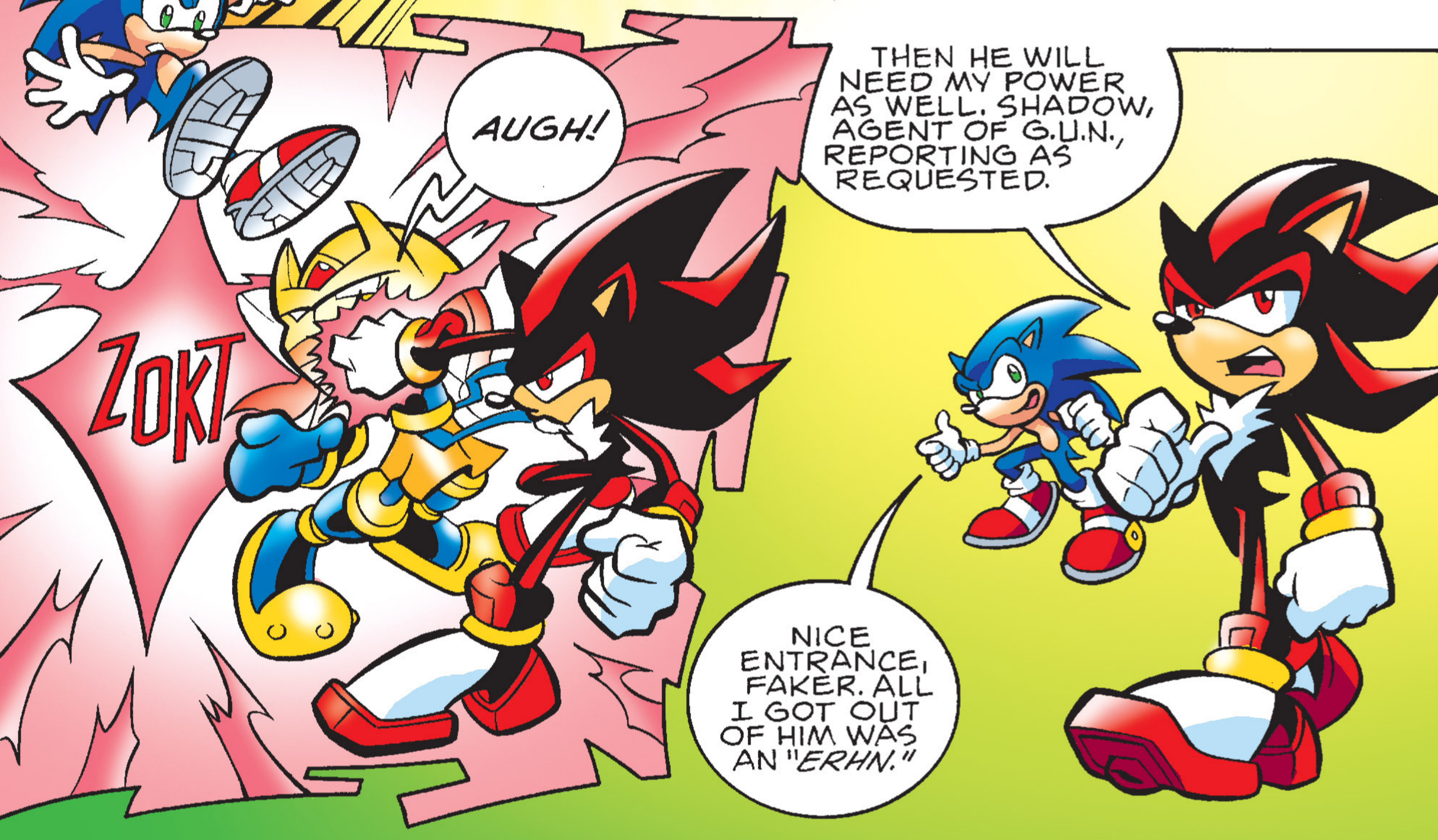


--IS TO
TAKE CARE
OF THIS
ENERJOKE!

YOUR SPEED
WAS NEVER
ENOUGH TO
TRUMP MY RAW
POWER!

EH?

SHHRKKT

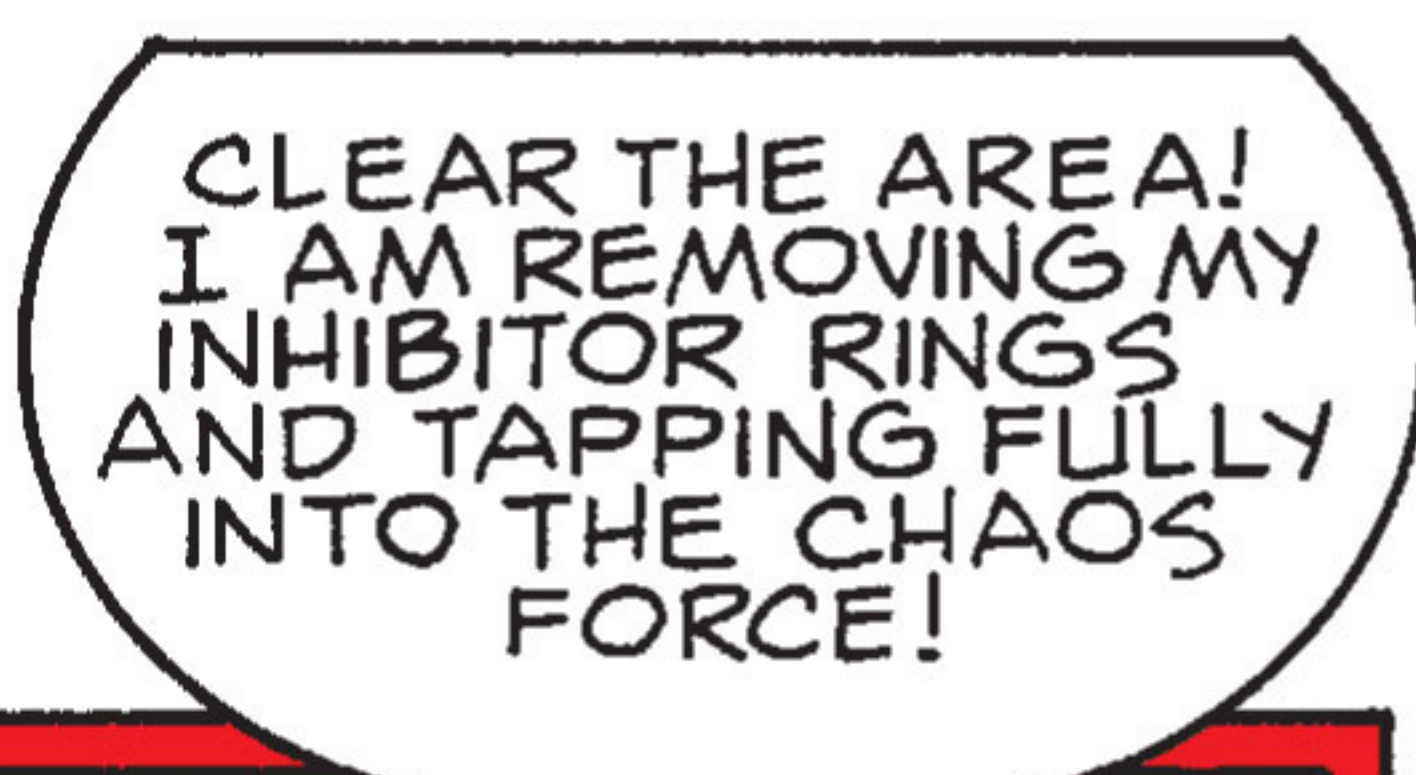
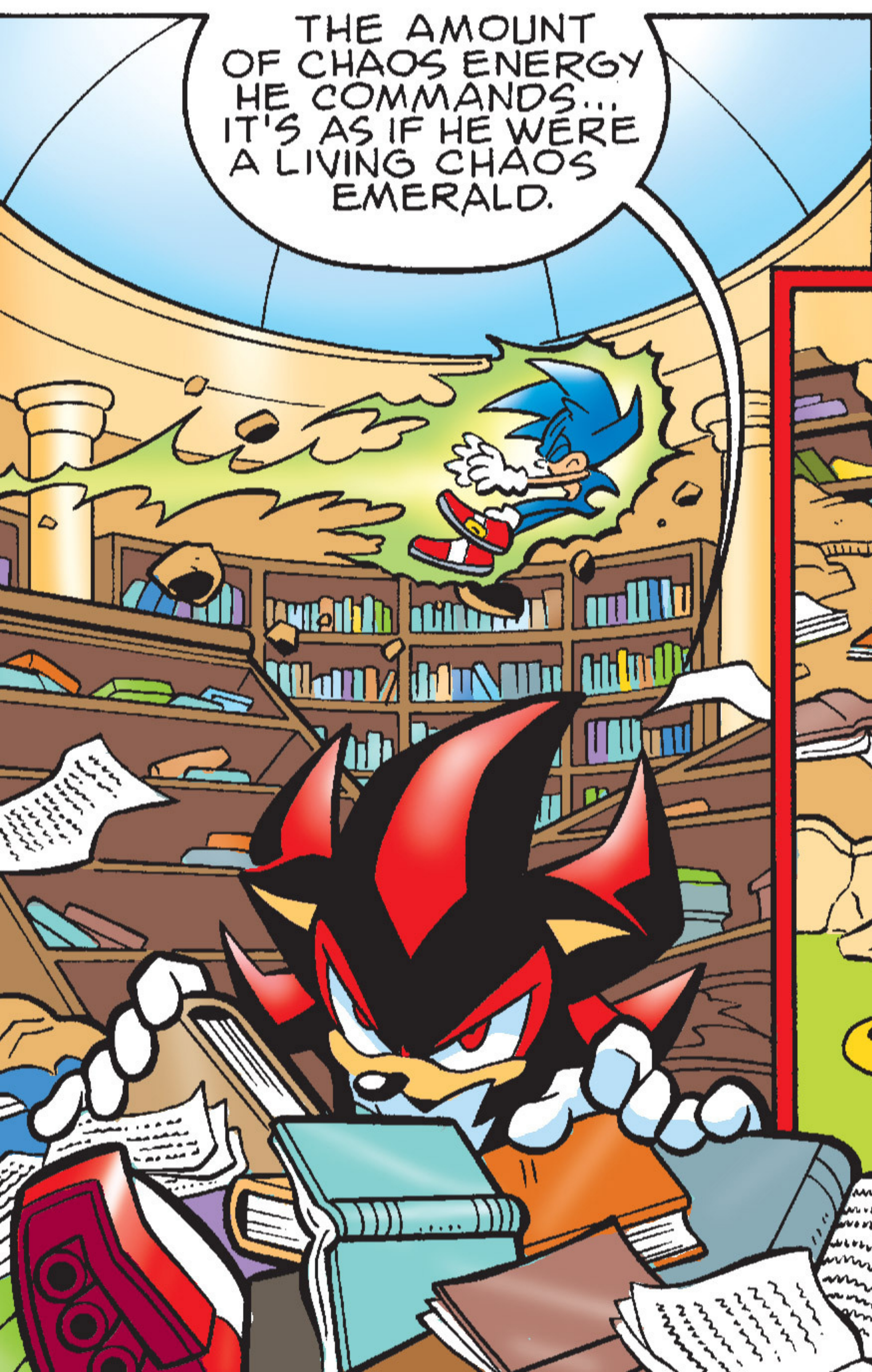
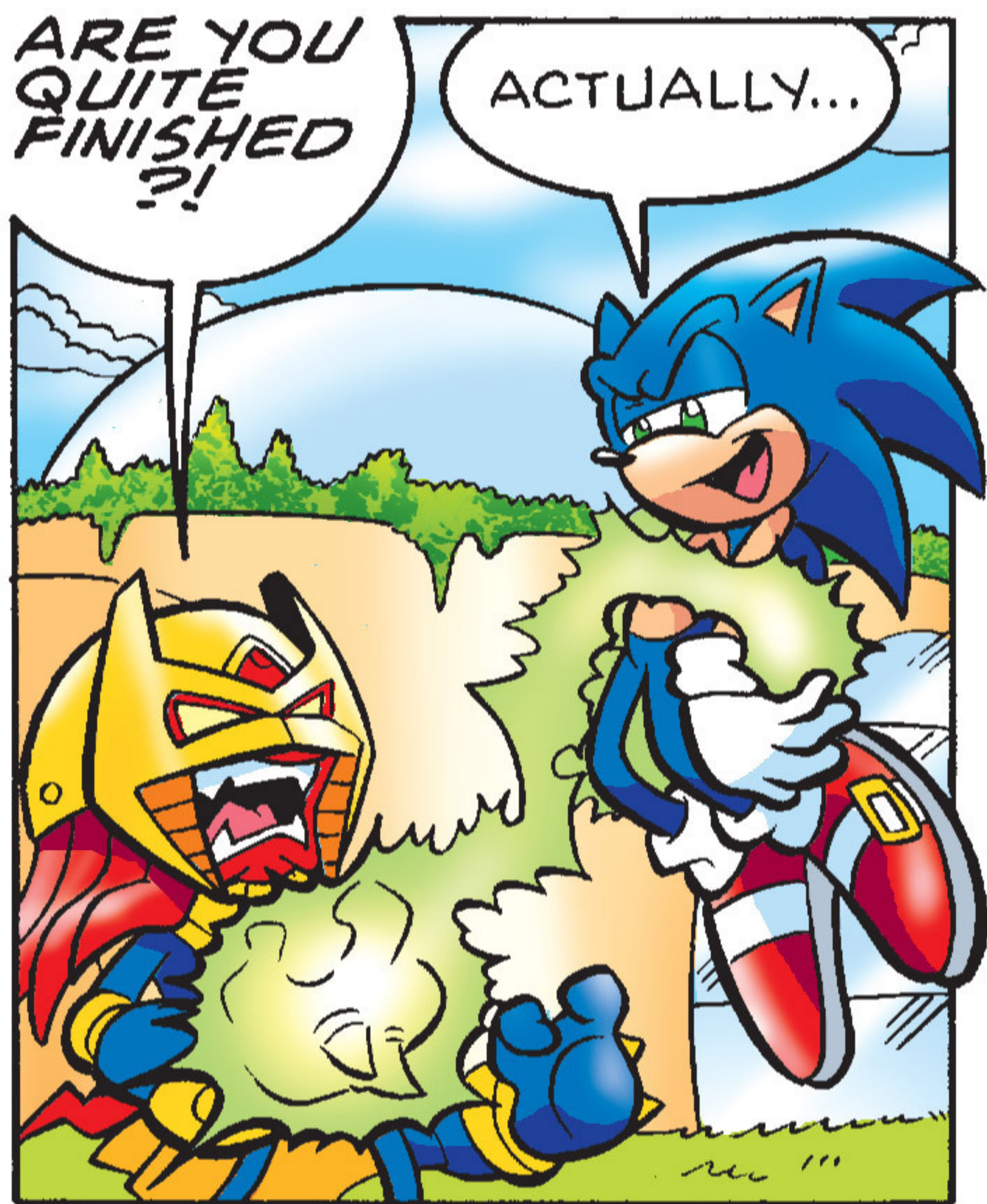
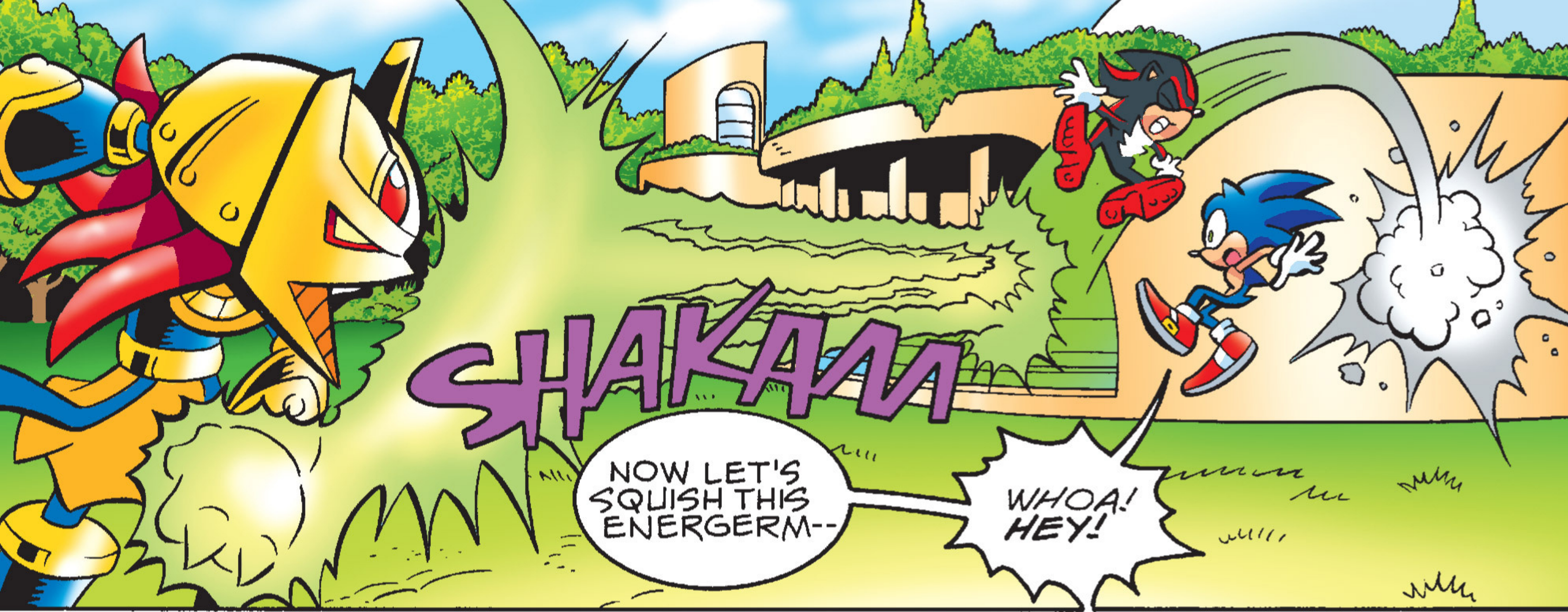


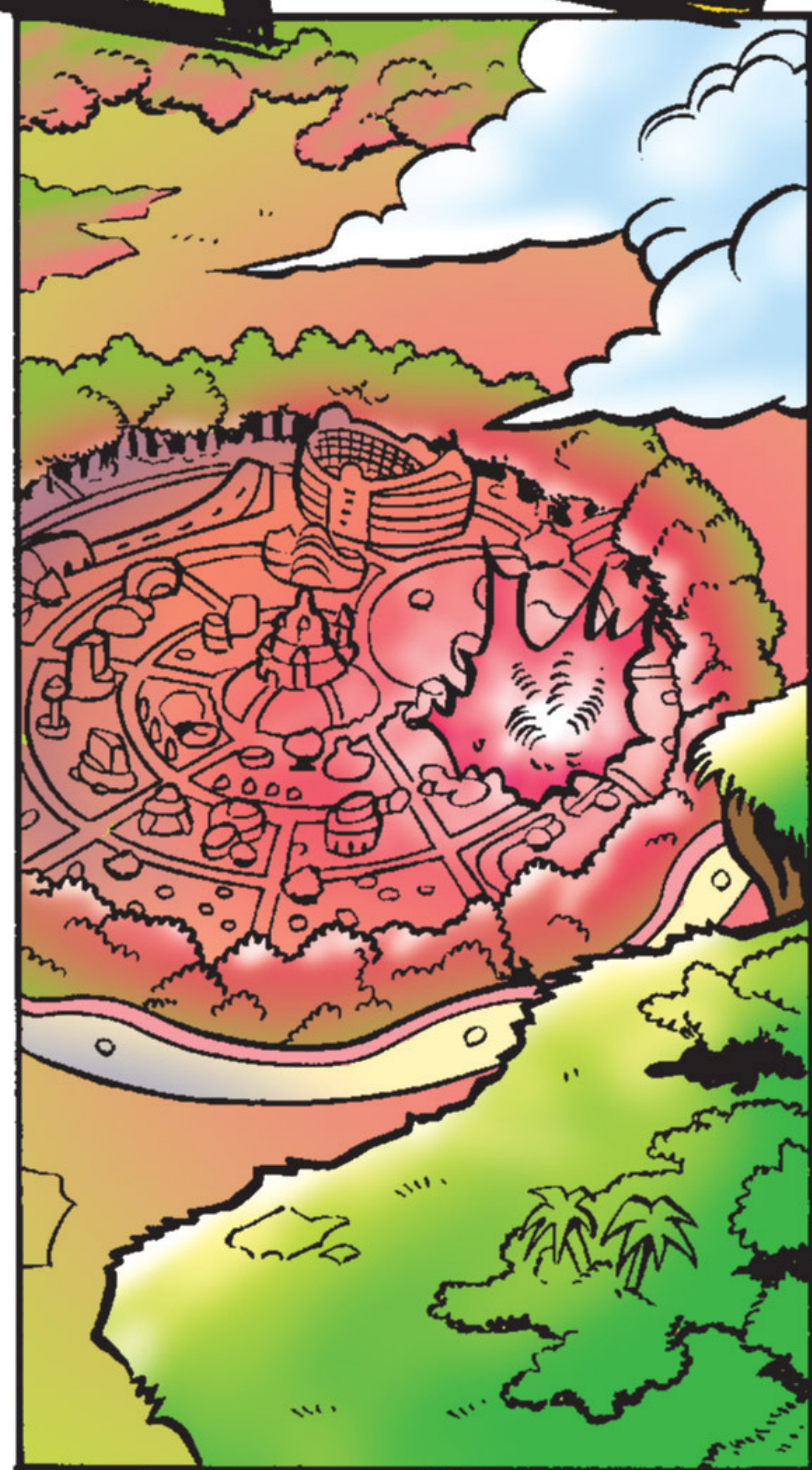
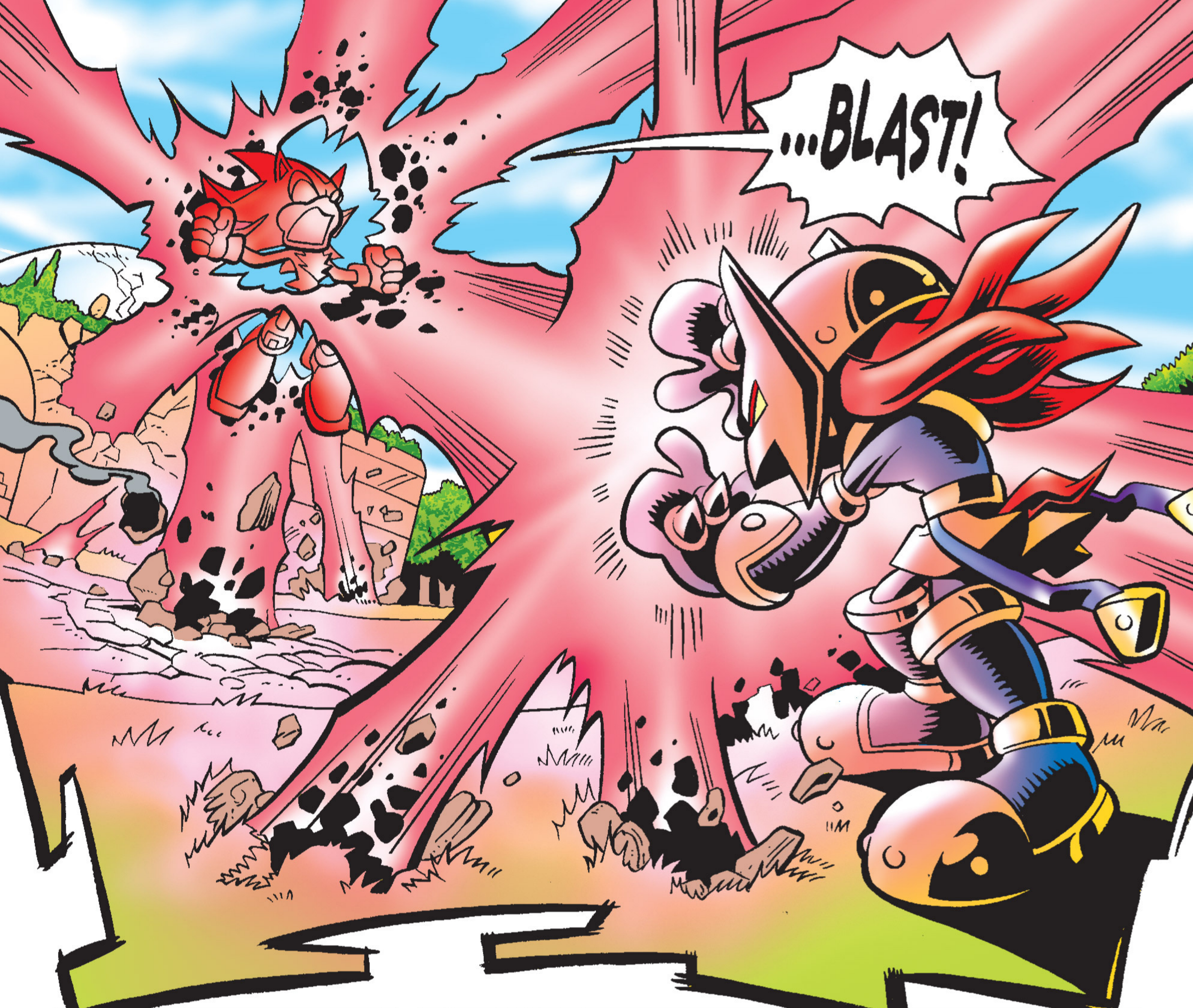
AUGH!

THEN HE WILL
NEED MY POWER,
AS WELL. SHADOW,
AGENT OF G.U.N.,
REPORTING AS
REQUESTED.

NICE
ENTRANCE,
FAKER. ALL
I GOT OUT
OF HIM WAS
AN "ERHN."

ZOKT





"...I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO RAISE THE ENERGY SHIELD, IF DOCTOR EGGMAN WERE TO ATTACK..."

NEW MEGAOPOLIS--
DR. EGGMAN'S CITY.

"...WE'D BE
DEFENSELESS."

WHOA-
HO-HO-HO!
TAKE IT EASY
THERE, SHADOW!
THAT'S *MY* CITY
TO DESTROY!

IF
SHADOW'S
THERE, I TAKE
IT THEY'VE
FOUND A WAY
TO BYPASS
YOUR SIGNAL
SCRAMBLING?
SONIC MAY FIND
OUT YOU LIED
ABOUT THE WORLD
TURNING ITS BACK
ON KNOTHOLE.

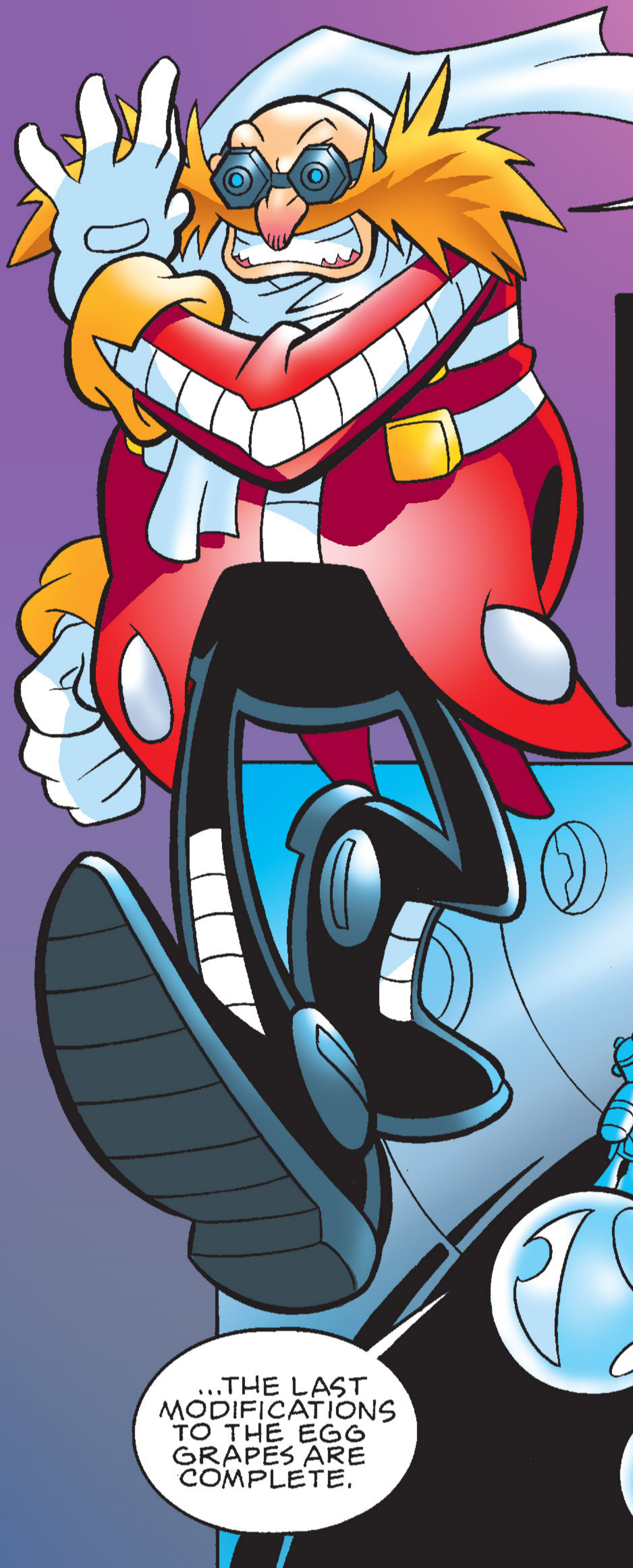
BAH. THE
COCKY LITTLE
RODENT
PROBABLY
TUNED IT
ALL OUT
ANYWAY.*

ALL OF
THAT IS MOOT
NOW, ANYWAY!
THIS ENERJAK
FELLOW IS
BRIMMING
WITH CHAOS
ENERGY!

*DR. EGGMAN HAD SOME
HARSH WORDS DURING
STH #175!

IT WILL
BE MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO
POWER MY NEXT
BIG PROJECT!

OF COURSE.
HEAVEN FORBID
YOU TAKE THE
DIRECT APPROACH
AND WIPE THEM
ALL OUT RIGHT
NOW...

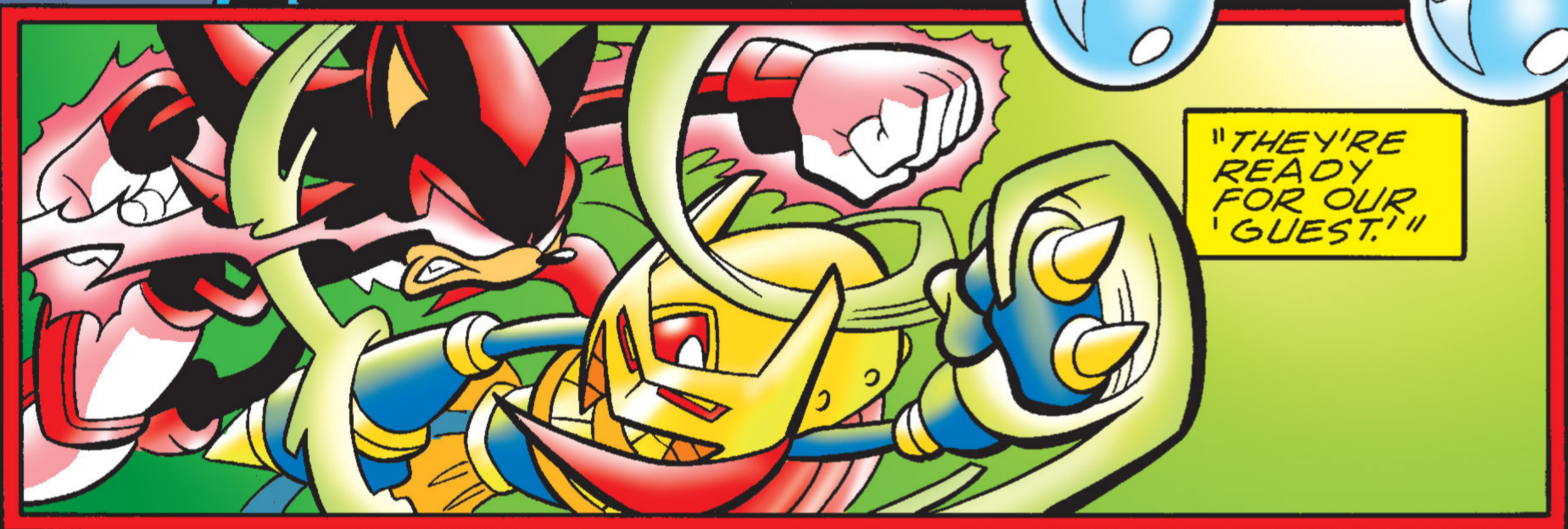


I'M LAUNCHING
THE EGG FLEET NOW,
SNIVELY. AFTER ALL, I
DID PROMISE TO "ASSIST"
MY NEW "ALLIES."

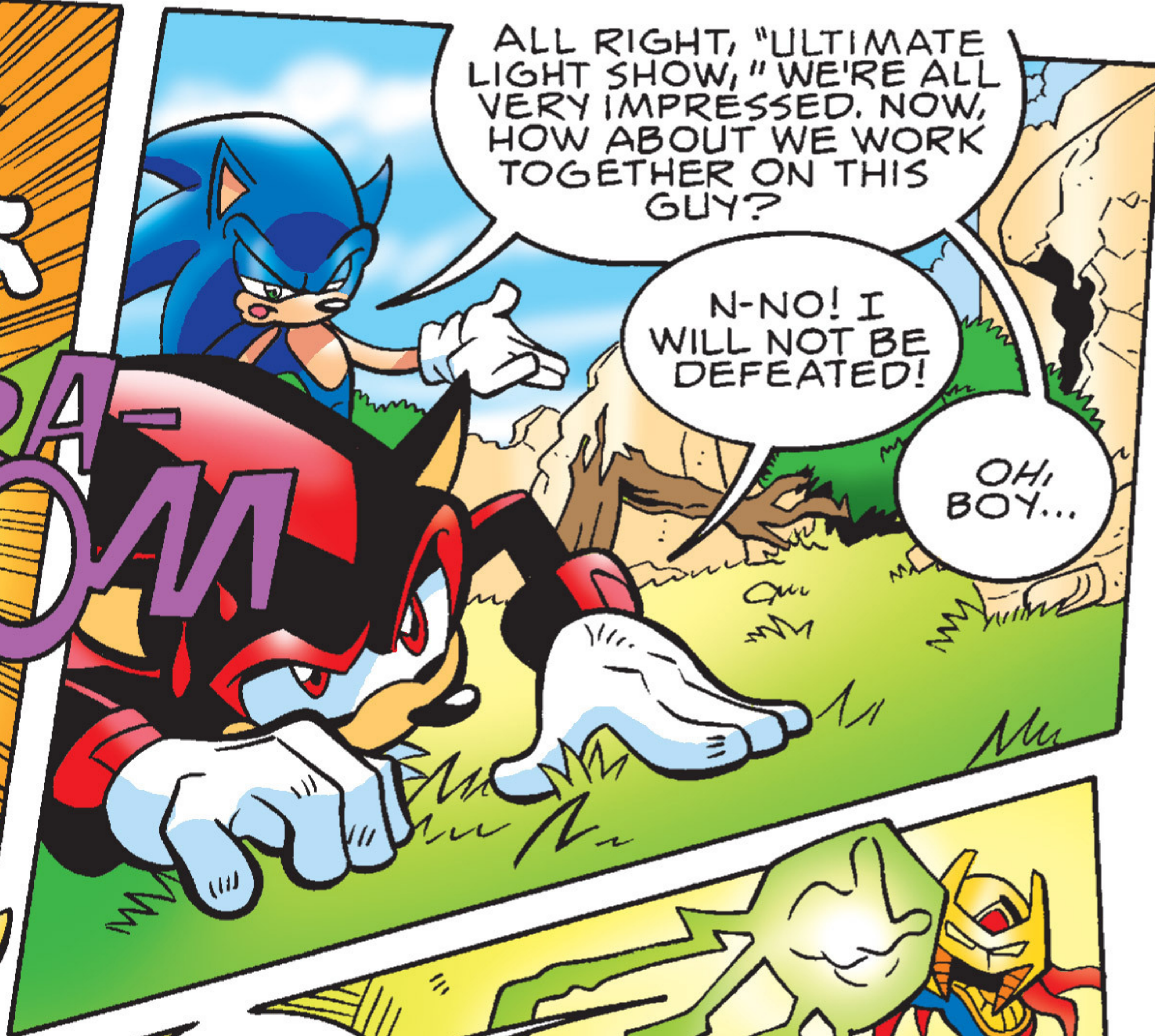
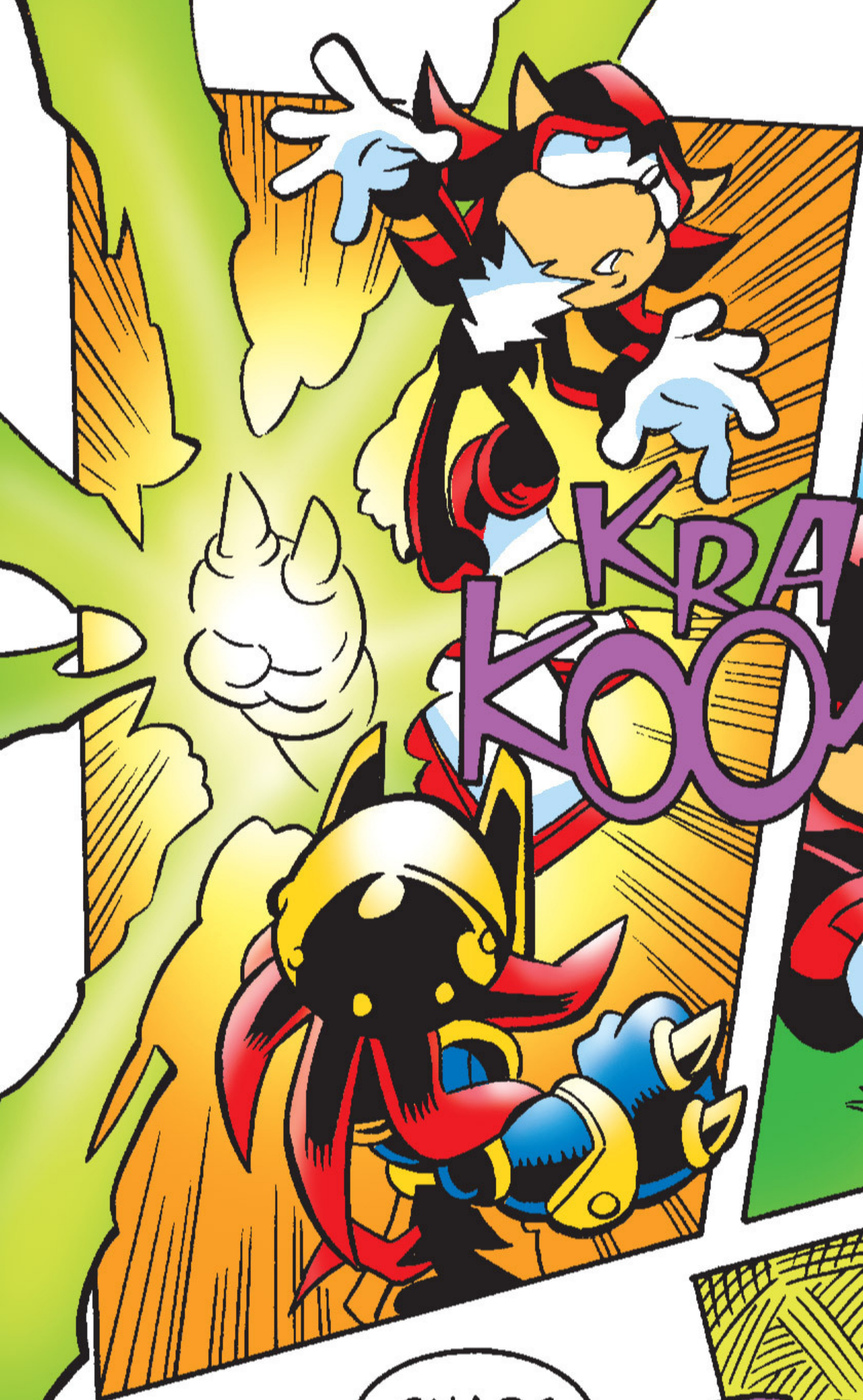


TAKE
YOUR
TIME,
UNCLE...

...THE LAST
MODIFICATIONS
TO THE EGG
GRAPES ARE
COMPLETE.



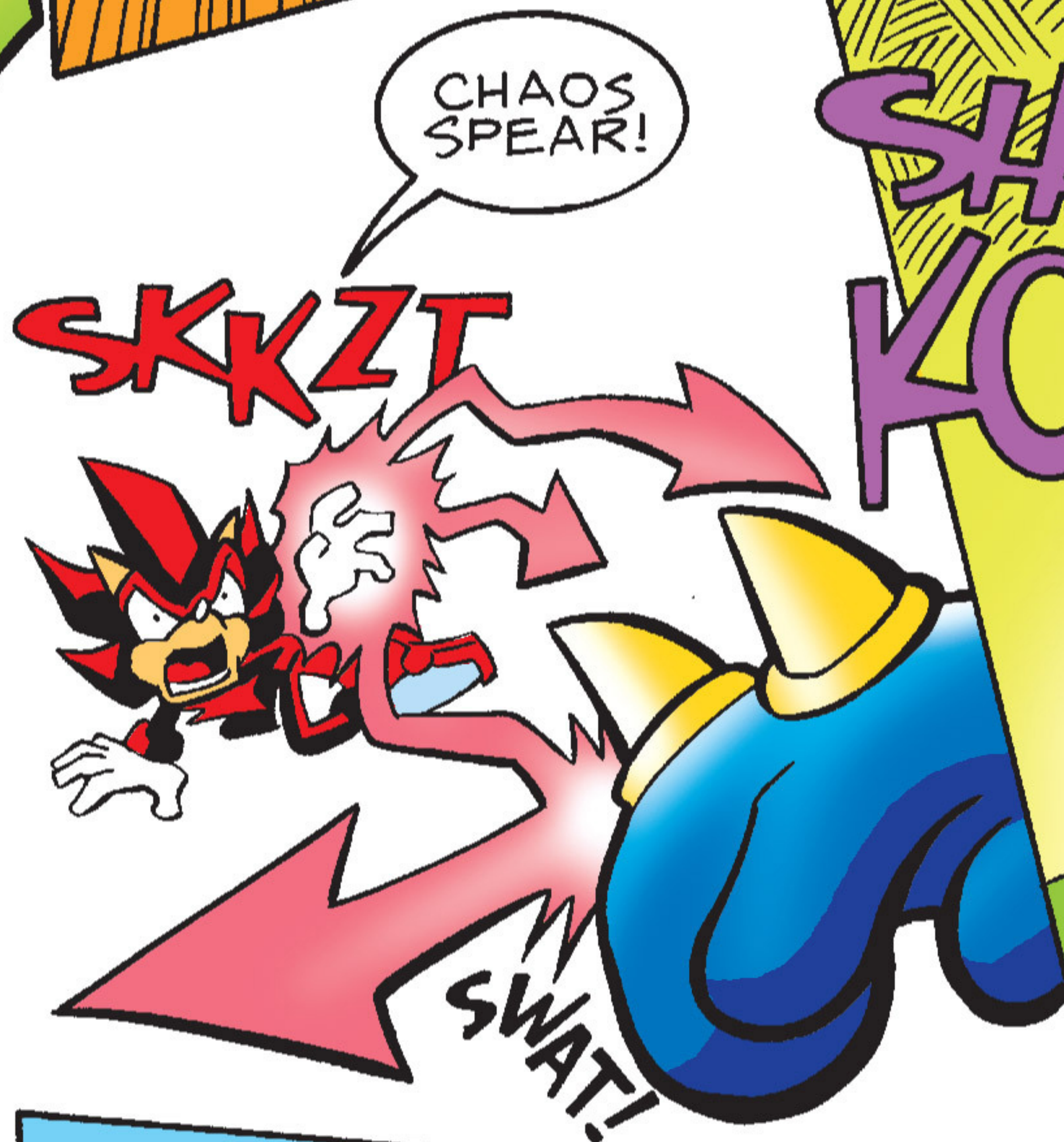
"THEY'RE
READY
FOR OUR
'GUEST.'"



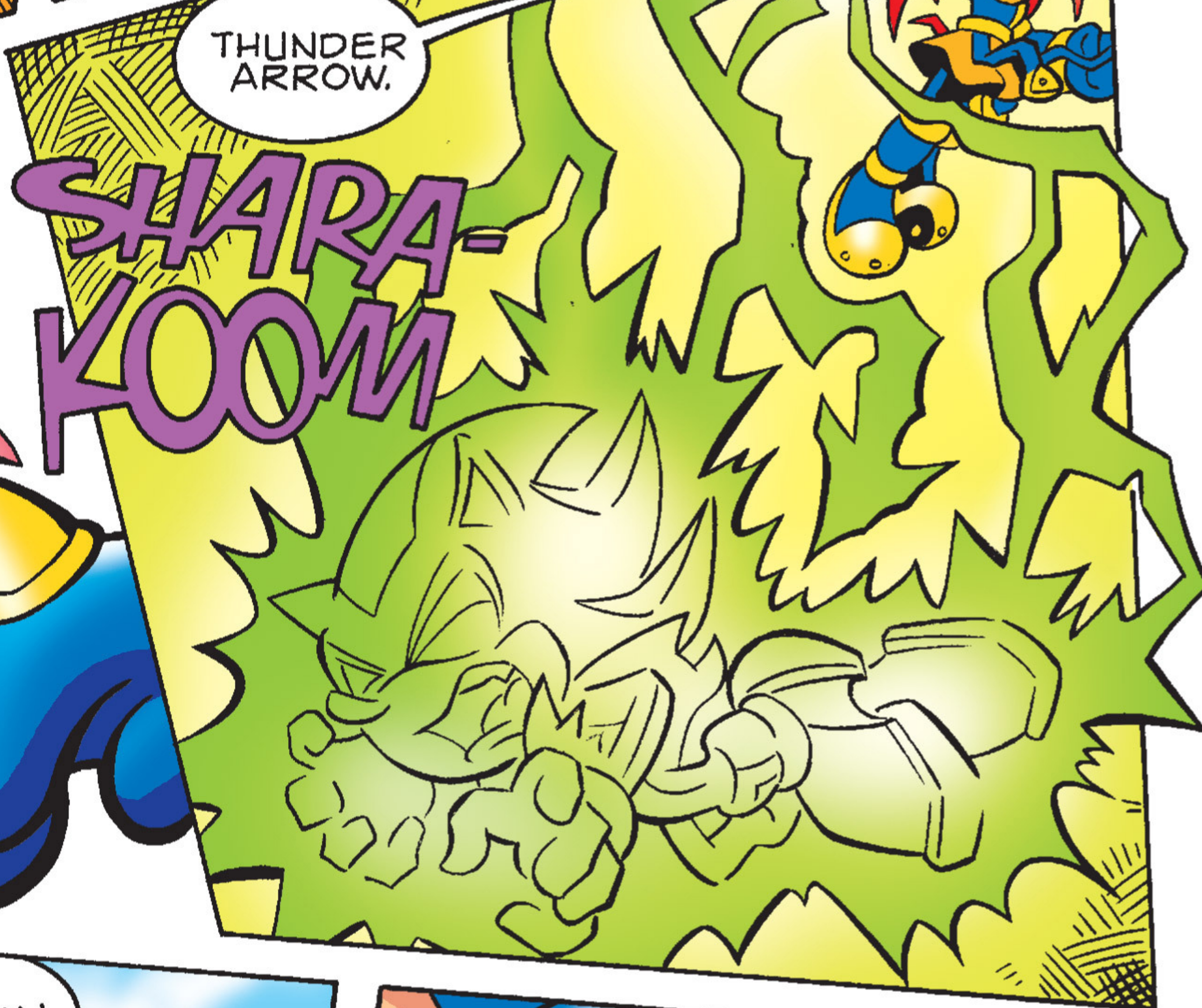
ALL RIGHT, "ULTIMATE LIGHT SHOW," WE'RE ALL VERY IMPRESSED. NOW, HOW ABOUT WE WORK TOGETHER ON THIS GUY?

N-NO! I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!

OH, BOY...



CHAOS SPEAR!



THUNDER ARROW.

SHARA-KOOM



BOOM!

HEAD SHOT!



ANY MORE SILLY ATTACK NAMES YOU GUYS WANT TO--

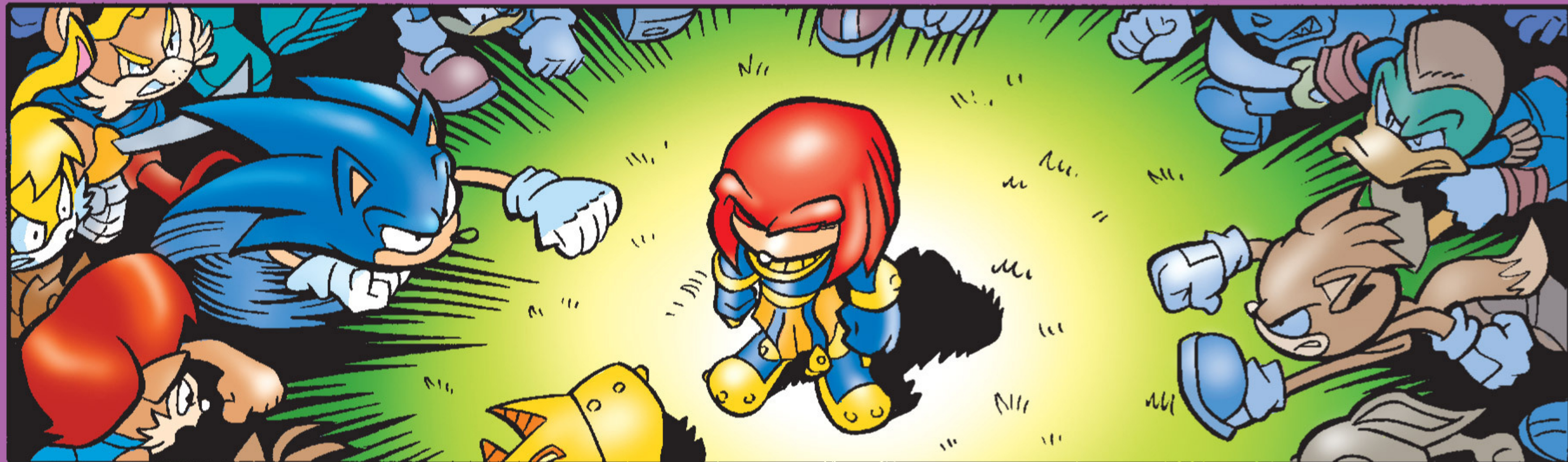
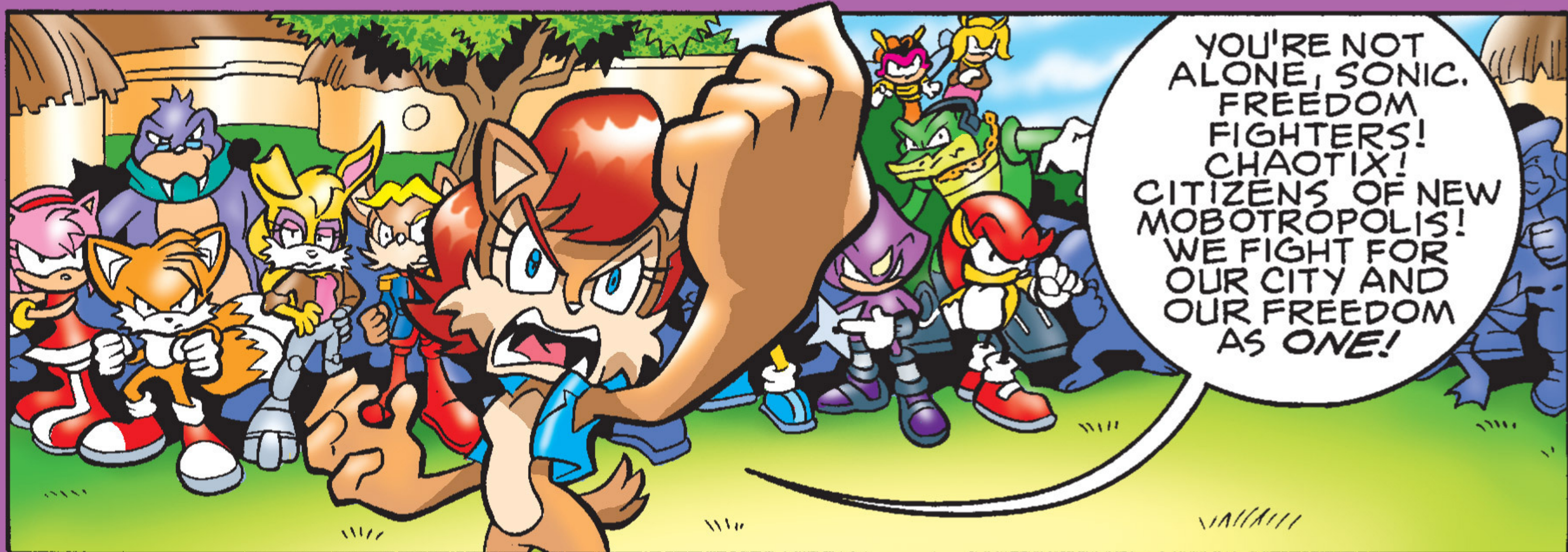
--WHOA.

WHEN DID YOU...? HOW DID YOU...? WHY ARE...?

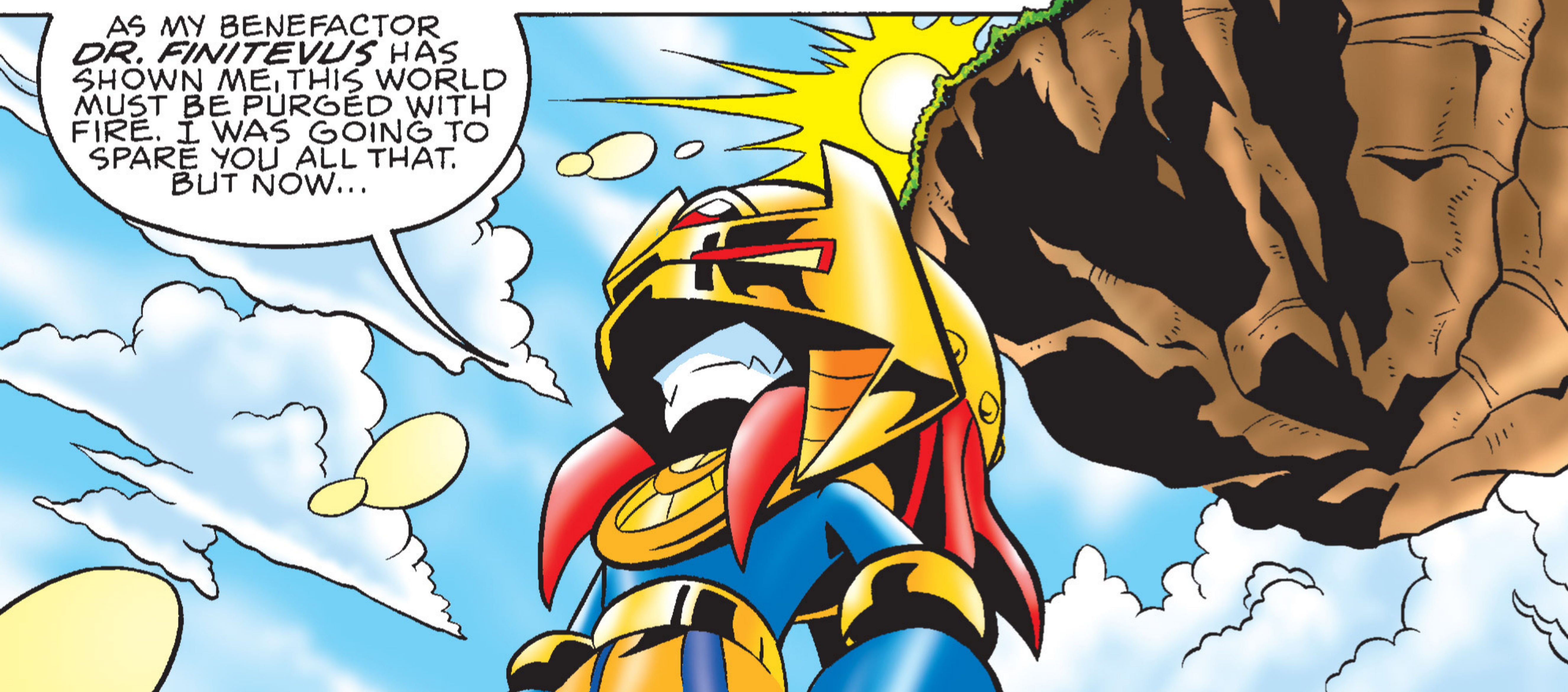
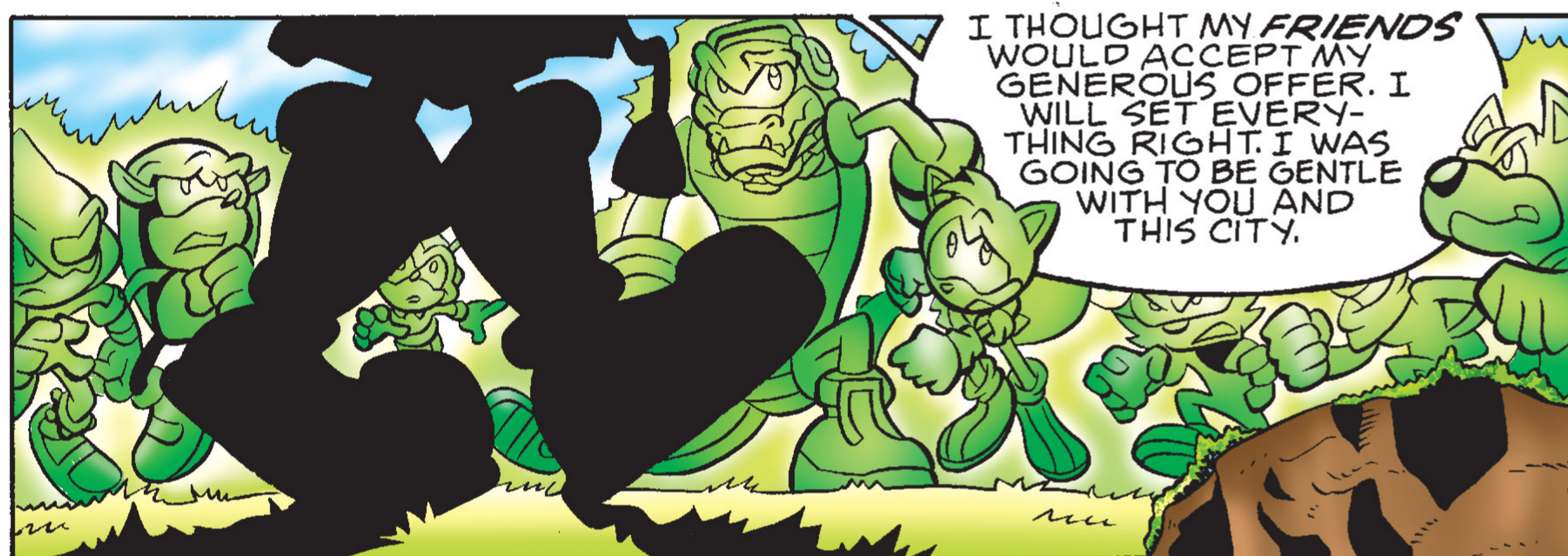
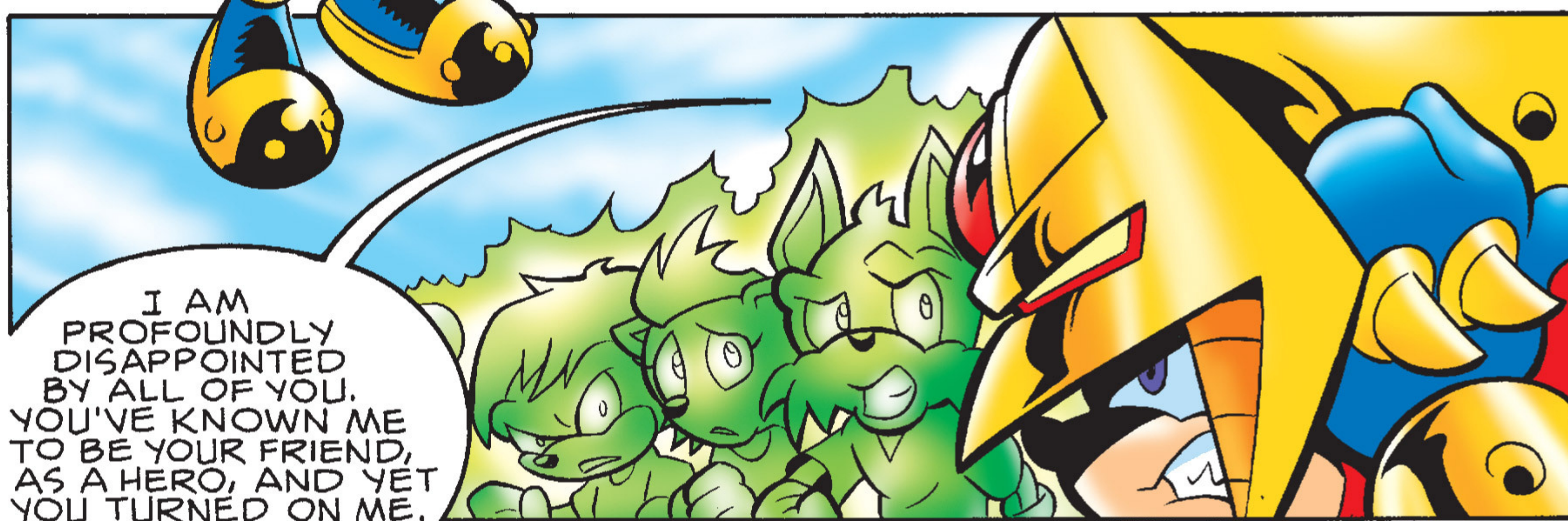
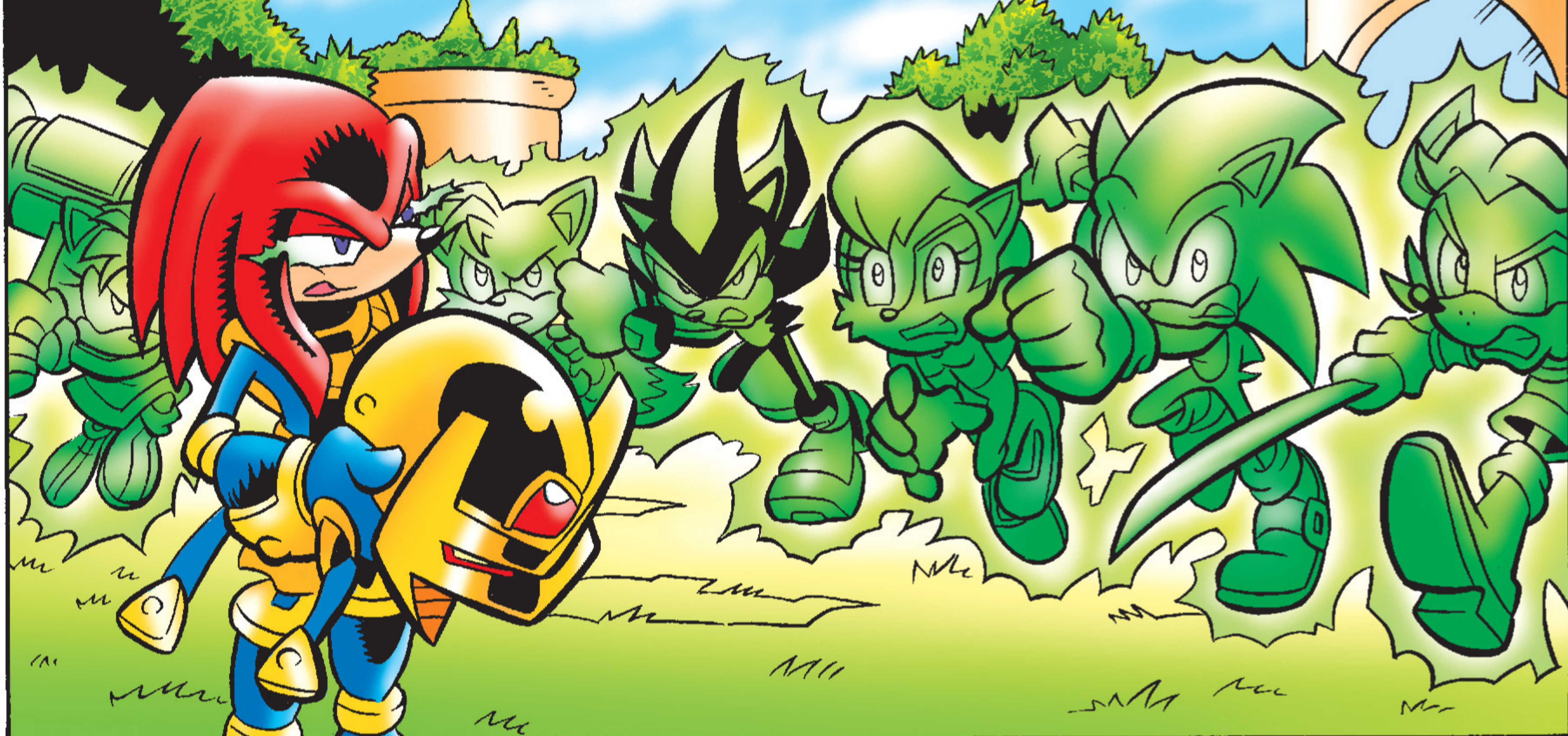
AS ALWAYS, YOUR "SMART MOUTH" ONLY COUNTS FOR SO MUCH.

DON'T LOSE YOUR RESOLVE NOW, BLUE HEDGEHOG.

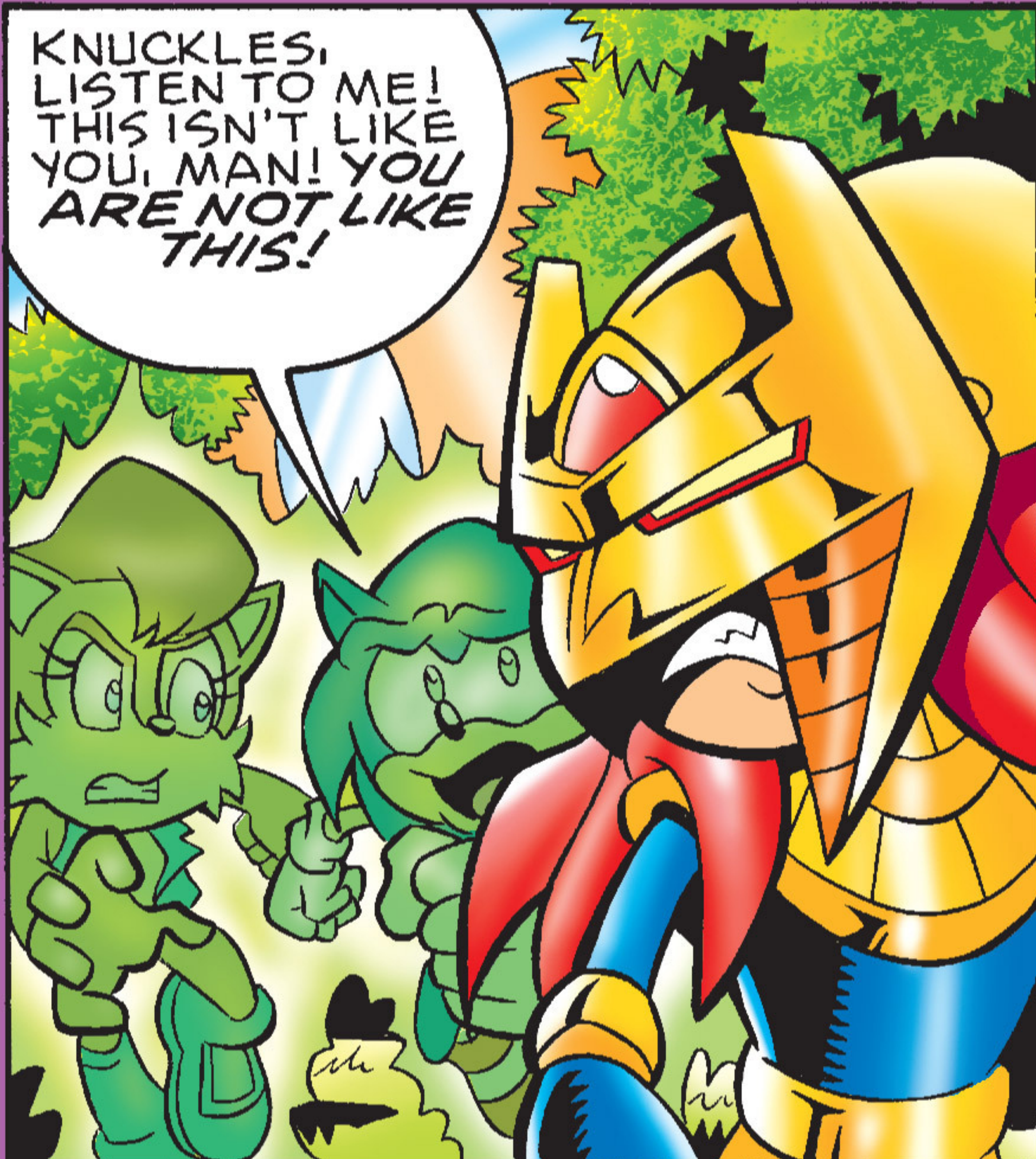
I--I'M NOT. A THREAT'S A THREAT. BUT...



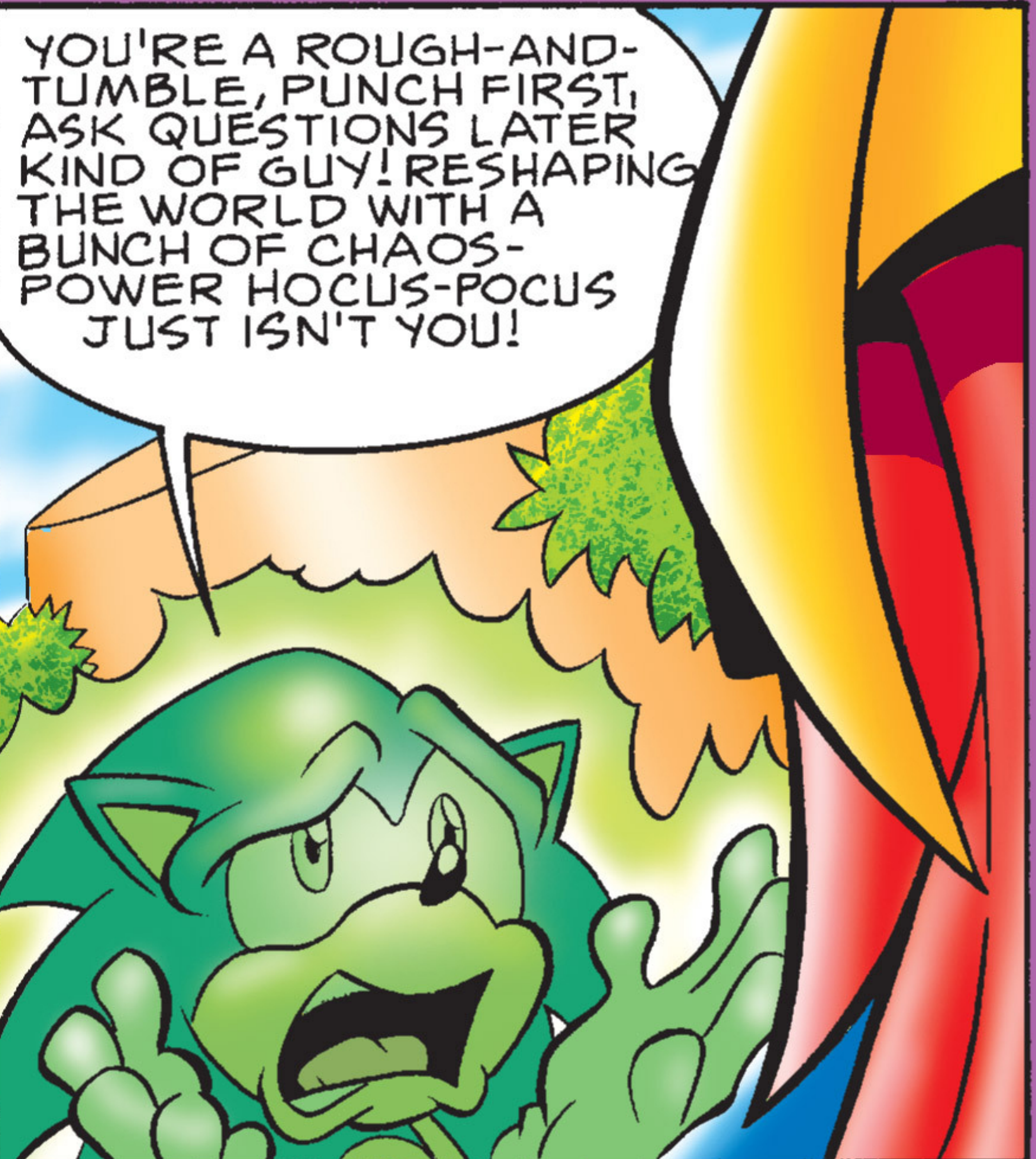
ENOUGH!



KNUCKLES,
 LISTEN TO ME!
 THIS ISN'T LIKE
 YOU, MAN! YOU
 ARE NOT LIKE
 THIS!

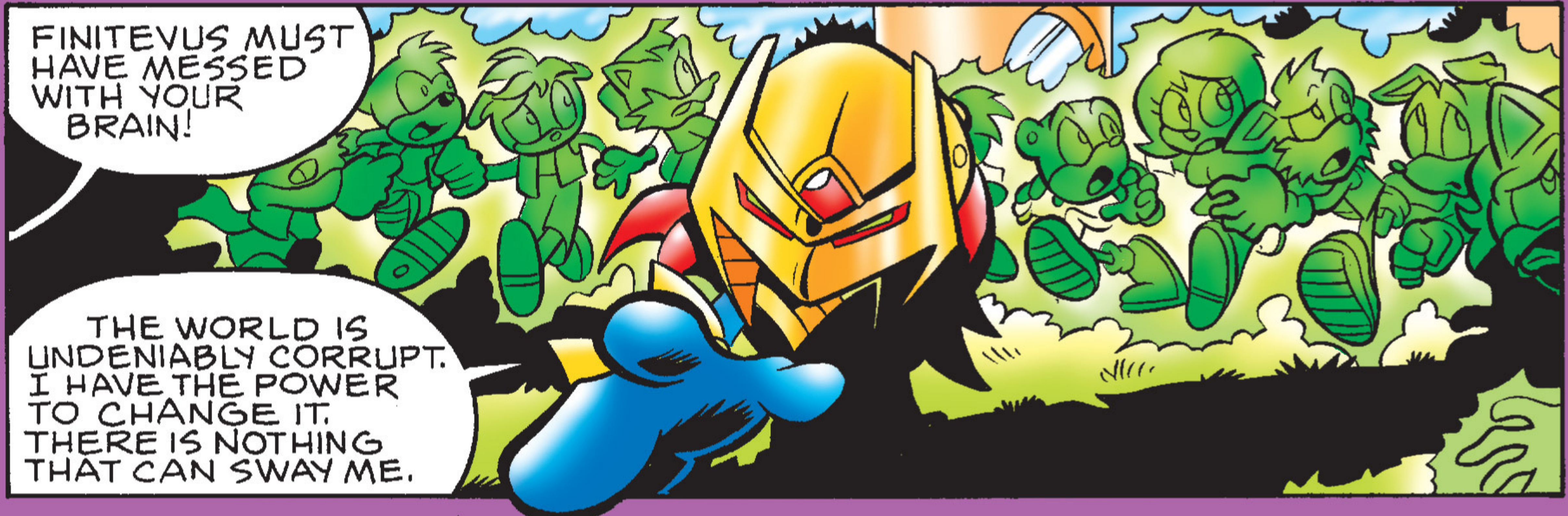


YOU'RE A ROUGH-AND-
 TUMBLE, PUNCH FIRST,
 ASK QUESTIONS LATER
 KIND OF GUY! RESHAPING
 THE WORLD WITH A
 BUNCH OF CHAOS-
 POWER HOCUS-POCUS
 JUST ISN'T YOU!



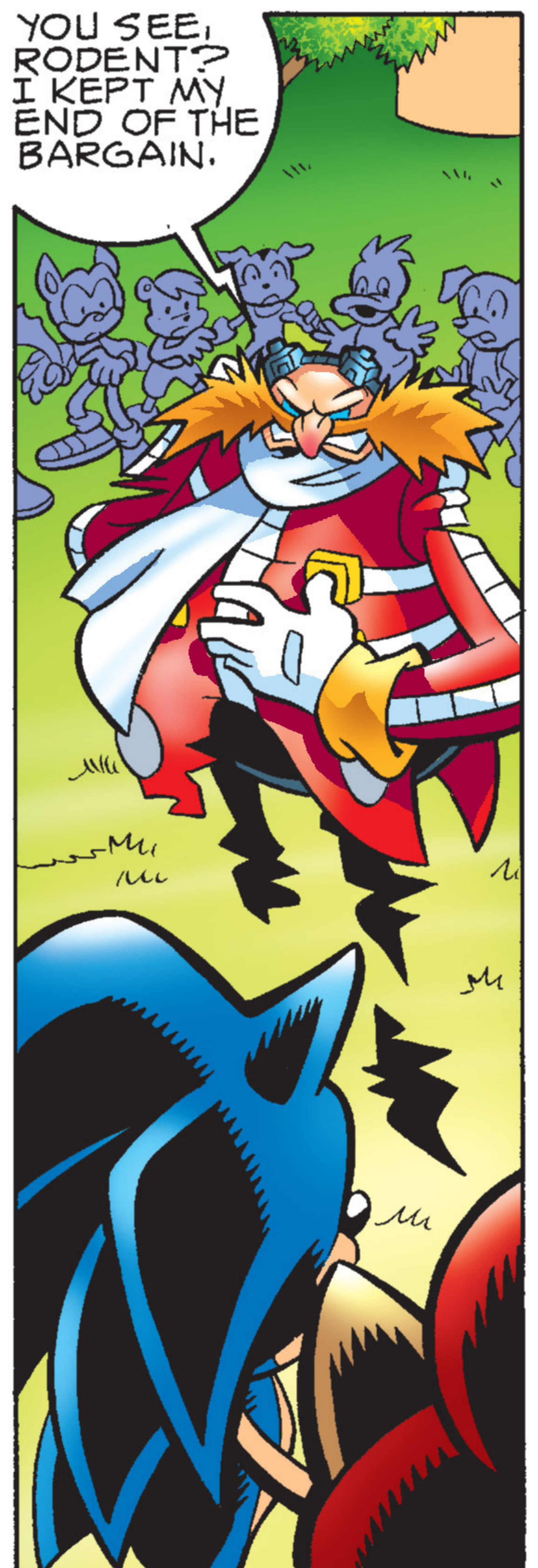
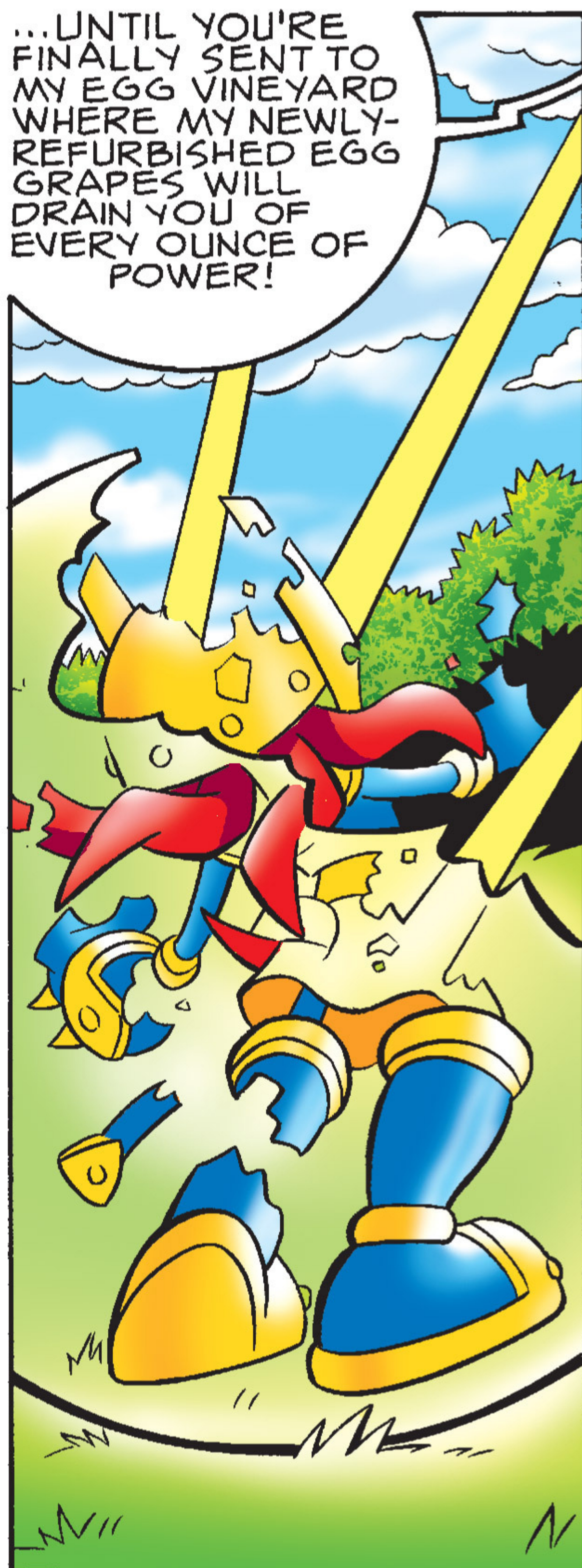
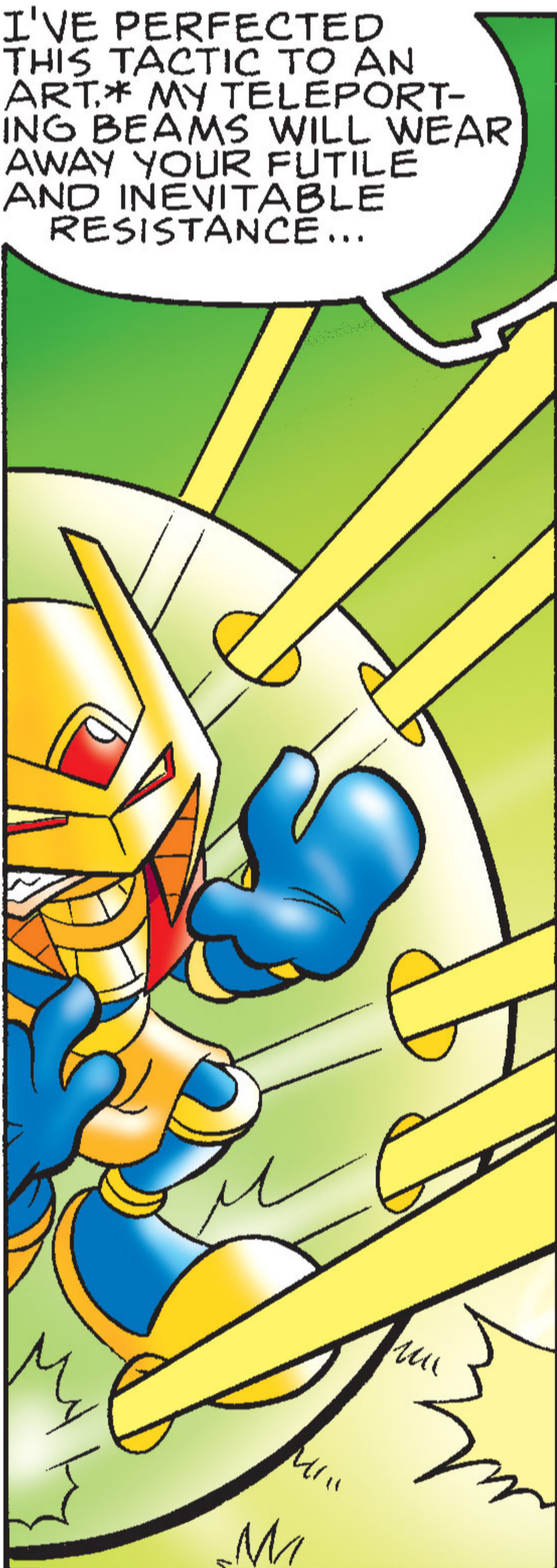
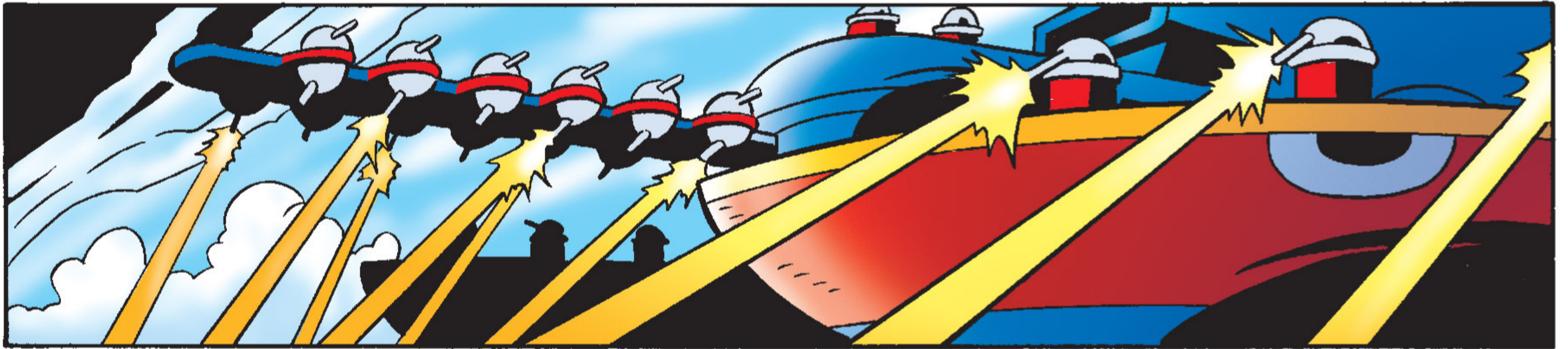
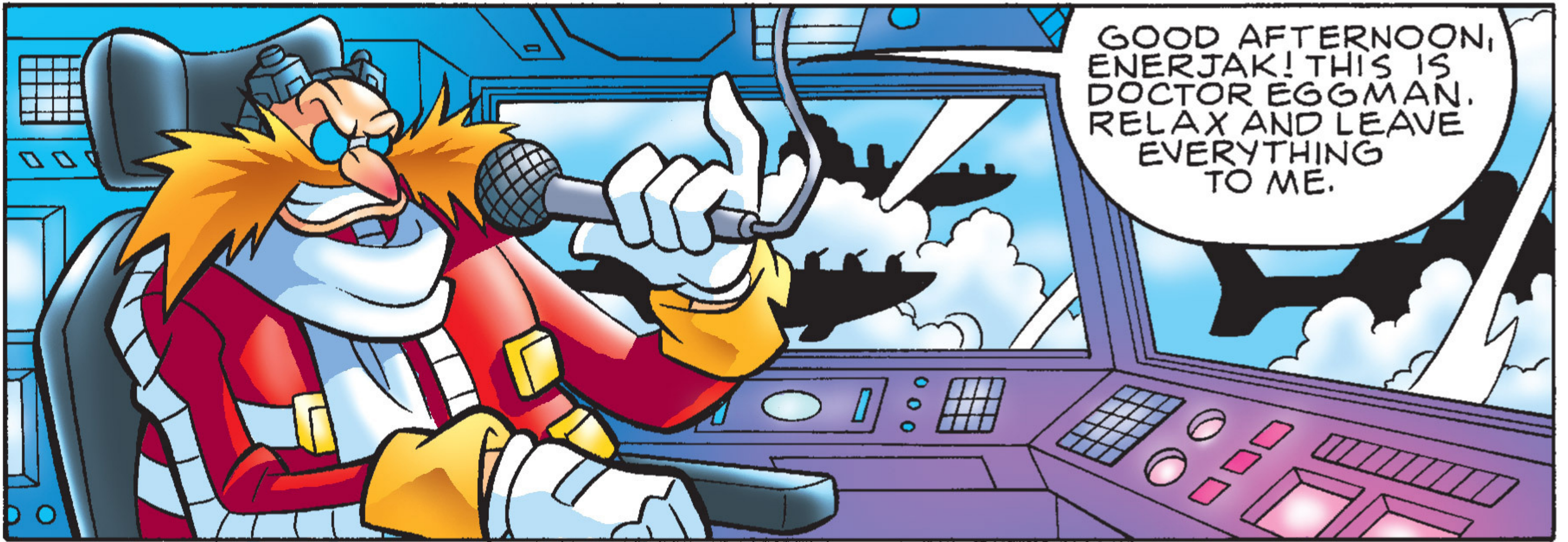
FINITEVUS MUST
 HAVE MESSED
 WITH YOUR
 BRAIN!

THE WORLD IS
 UNDENIABLY CORRUPT.
 I HAVE THE POWER
 TO CHANGE IT.
 THERE IS NOTHING
 THAT CAN SWAY ME.



I BEG TO
 DIFFER.



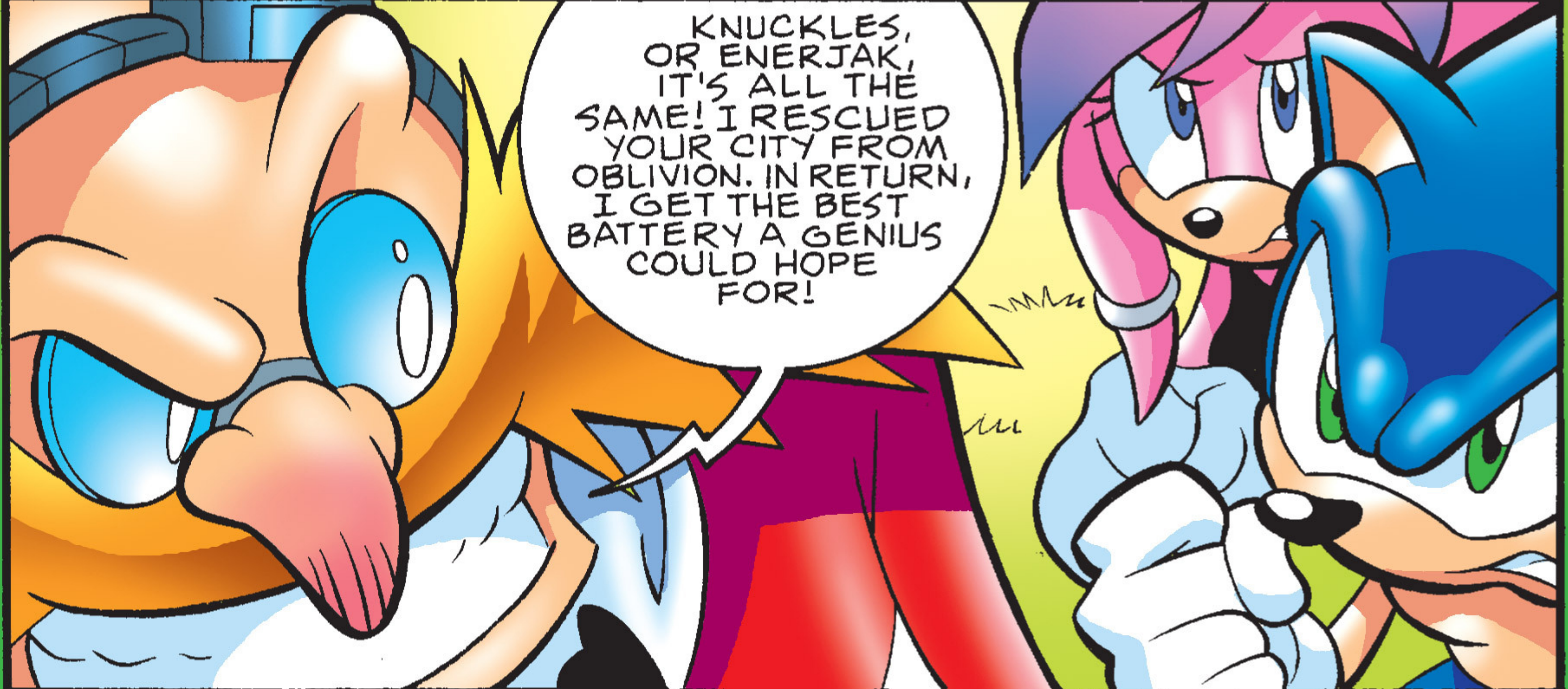


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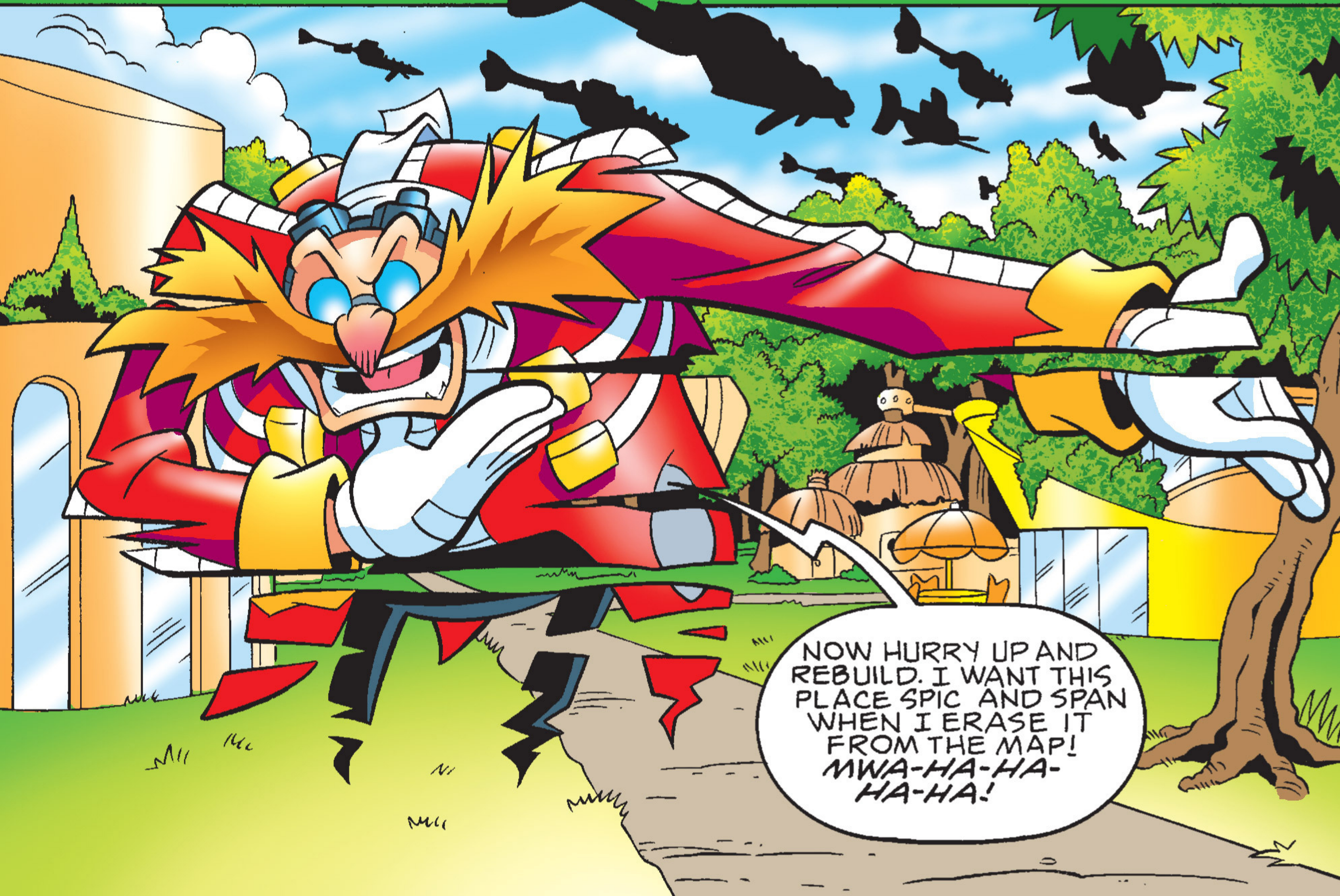
THANK YOU, CITIZENS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! YOUR EFFORTS AS DECOYS MADE MY PLAN SO MUCH EASIER!



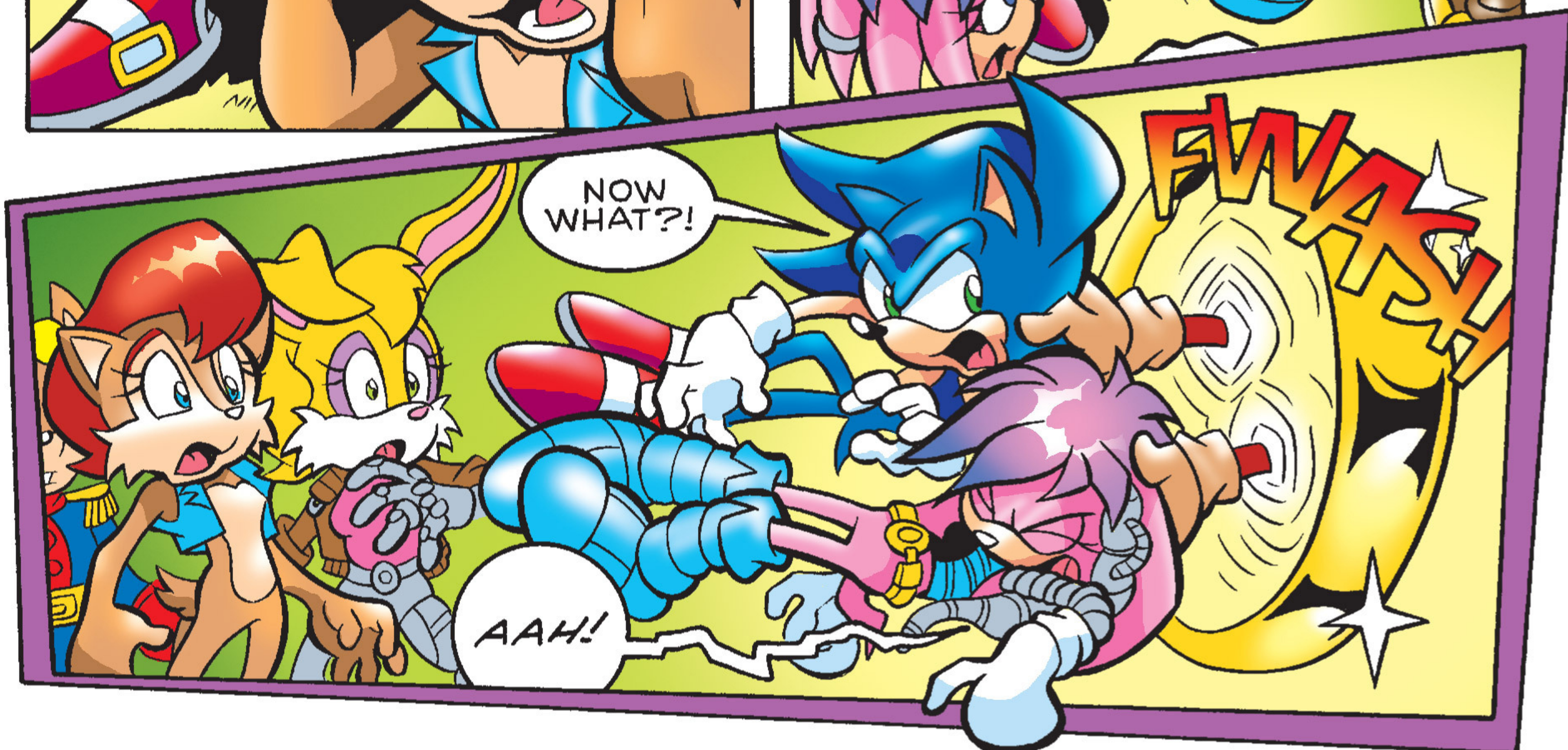
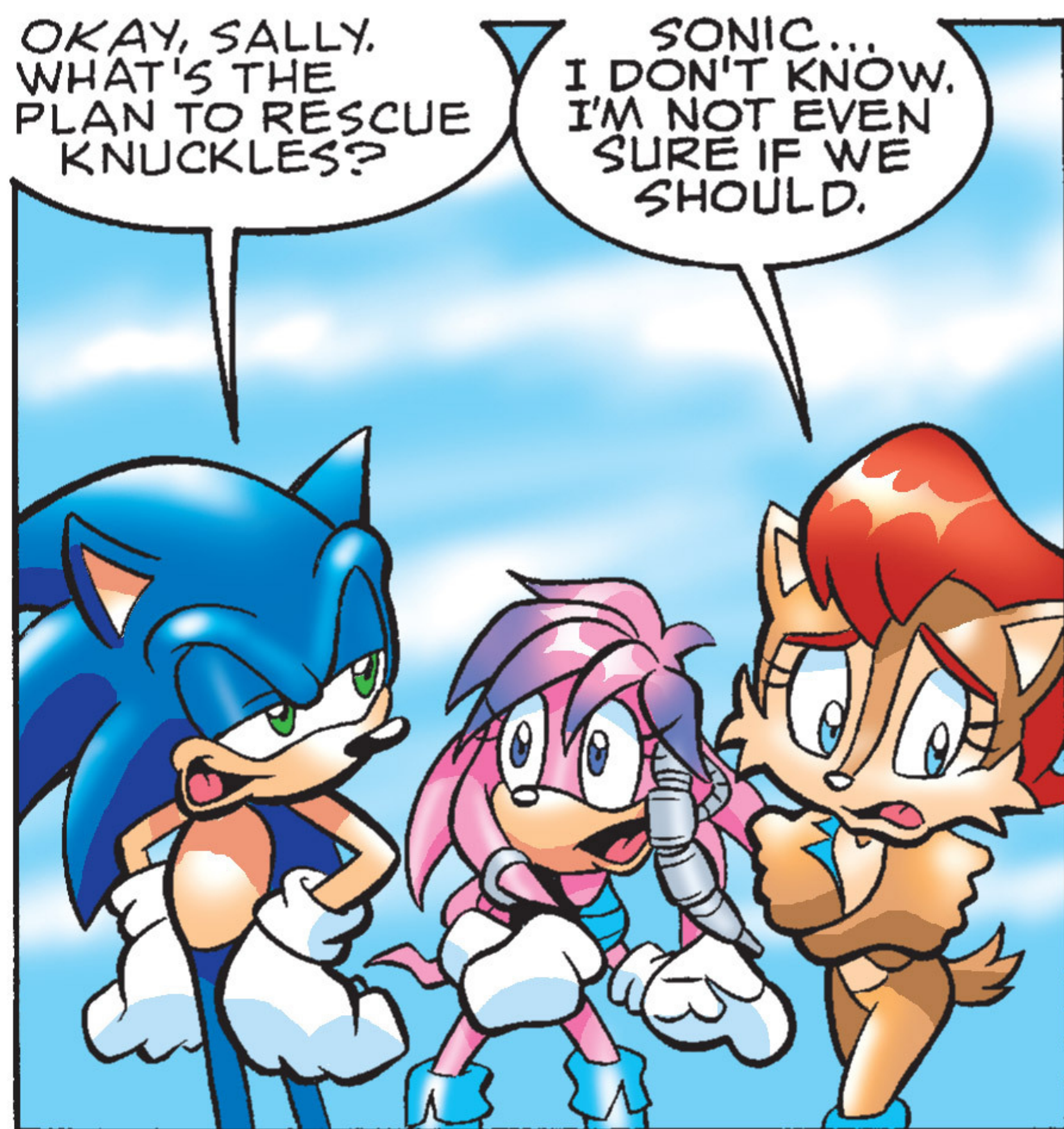
KIDNAPPING KNUCKLES WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL!

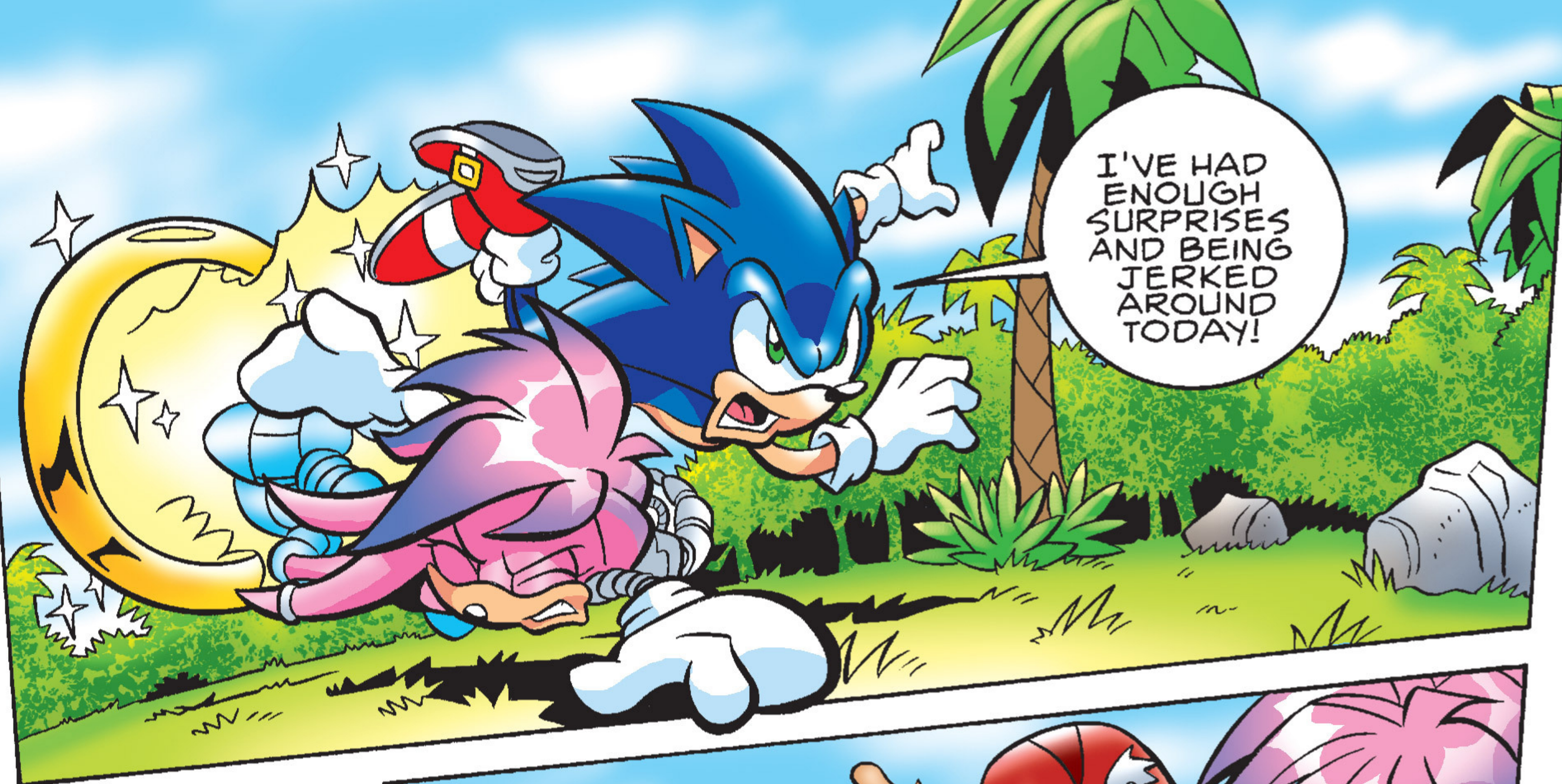


KNUCKLES, OR ENERJAK, IT'S ALL THE SAME! I RESCUED YOUR CITY FROM OBLIVION. IN RETURN, I GET THE BEST BATTERY A GENIUS COULD HOPE FOR!

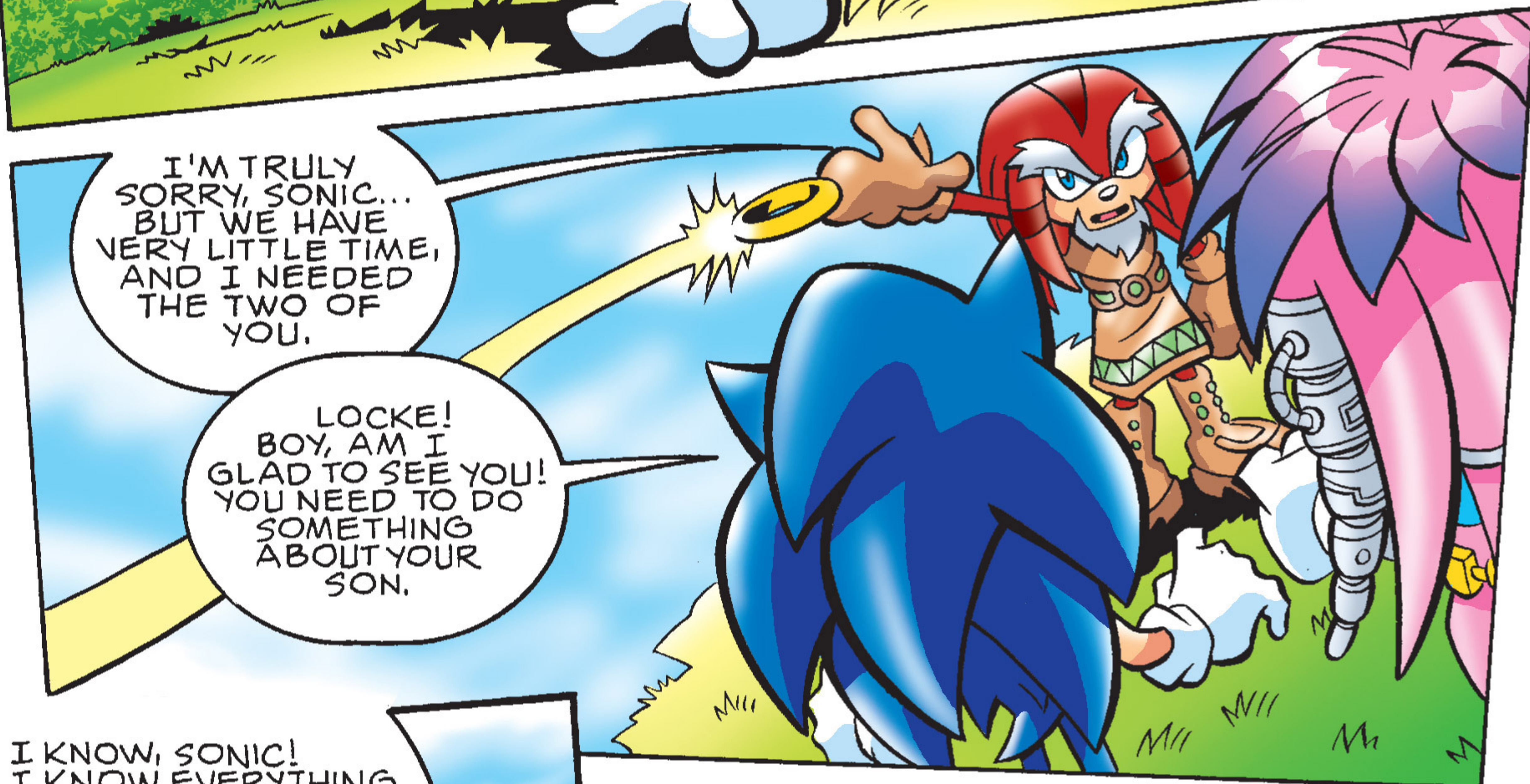


NOW HURRY UP AND REBUILD. I WANT THIS PLACE SPIC AND SPAN WHEN I ERASE IT FROM THE MAP! MWA-HA-HA-HA-HA!



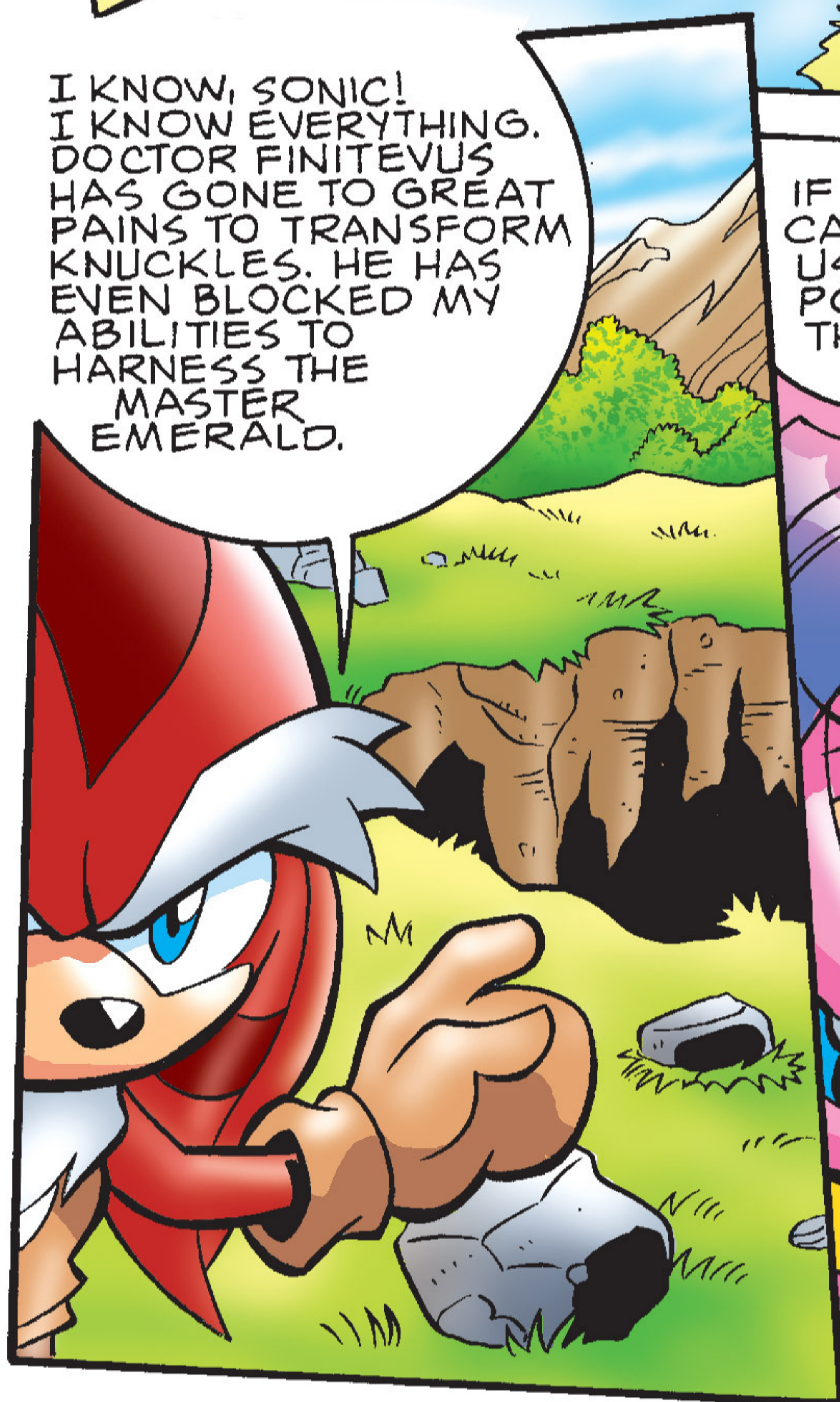


I'VE HAD
ENOUGH
SURPRISES
AND BEING
JERKED
AROUND
TODAY!



I'M TRULY
SORRY, SONIC...
BUT WE HAVE
VERY LITTLE TIME,
AND I NEEDED
THE TWO OF
YOU.

LOCKE!
BOY, AM I
GLAD TO SEE YOU!
YOU NEED TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT YOUR
SON.



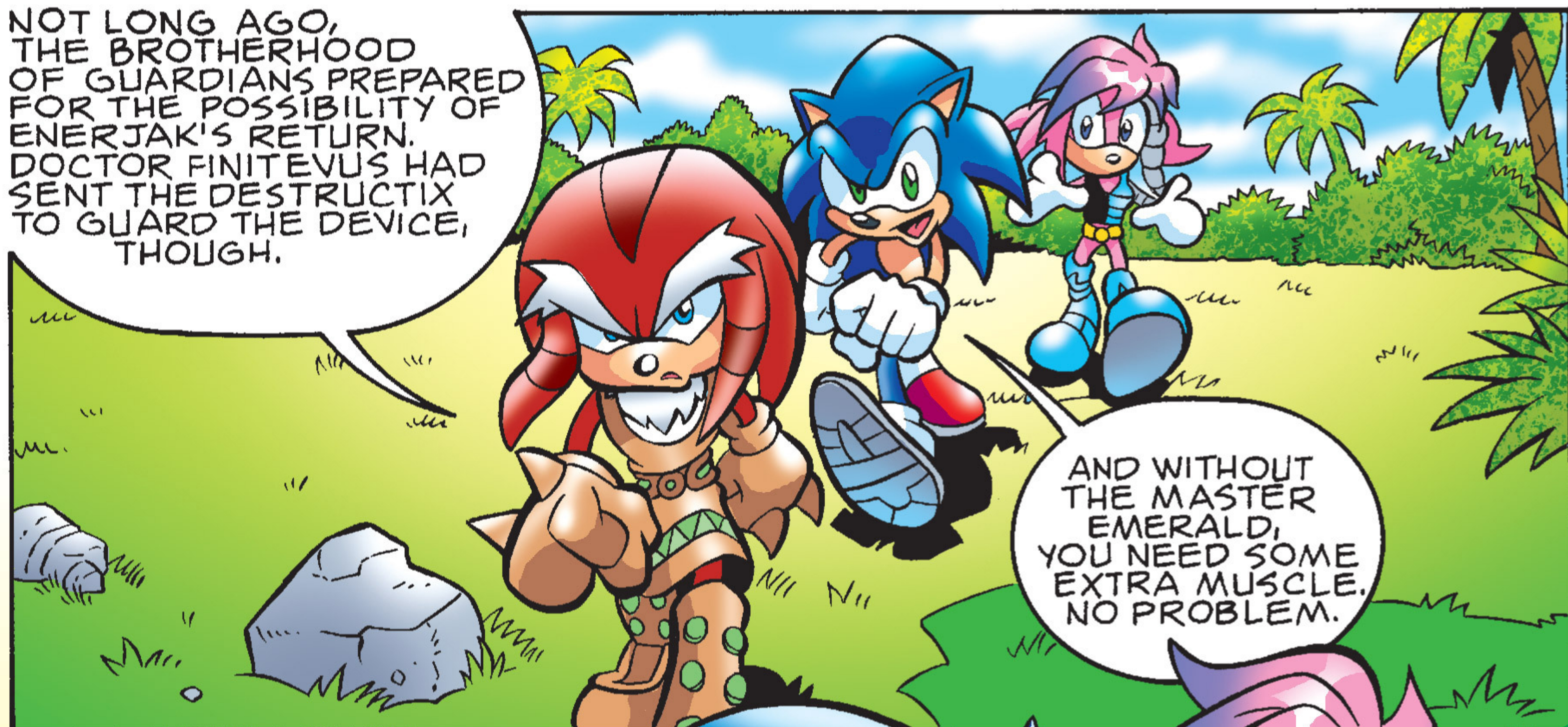
I KNOW, SONIC!
I KNOW EVERYTHING.
DOCTOR FINITEVUS
HAS GONE TO GREAT
PAINS TO TRANSFORM
KNUCKLES. HE HAS
EVEN BLOCKED MY
ABILITIES TO
HARNESS THE
MASTER
EMERALD.

IF YOU
CAN'T
USE ITS
POWER,
THEN...

I CANNOT UNDO
FINITEVUS'
SPELL. I DOUBT THAT
ANYONE CAN
ACCESS ITS
POWER NOW.

I'D BE WILLING
TO GIVE IT A
SHOT, BUT I'M NOT
THE WIZARDLY SORT.
WHAT CAN WE DO?

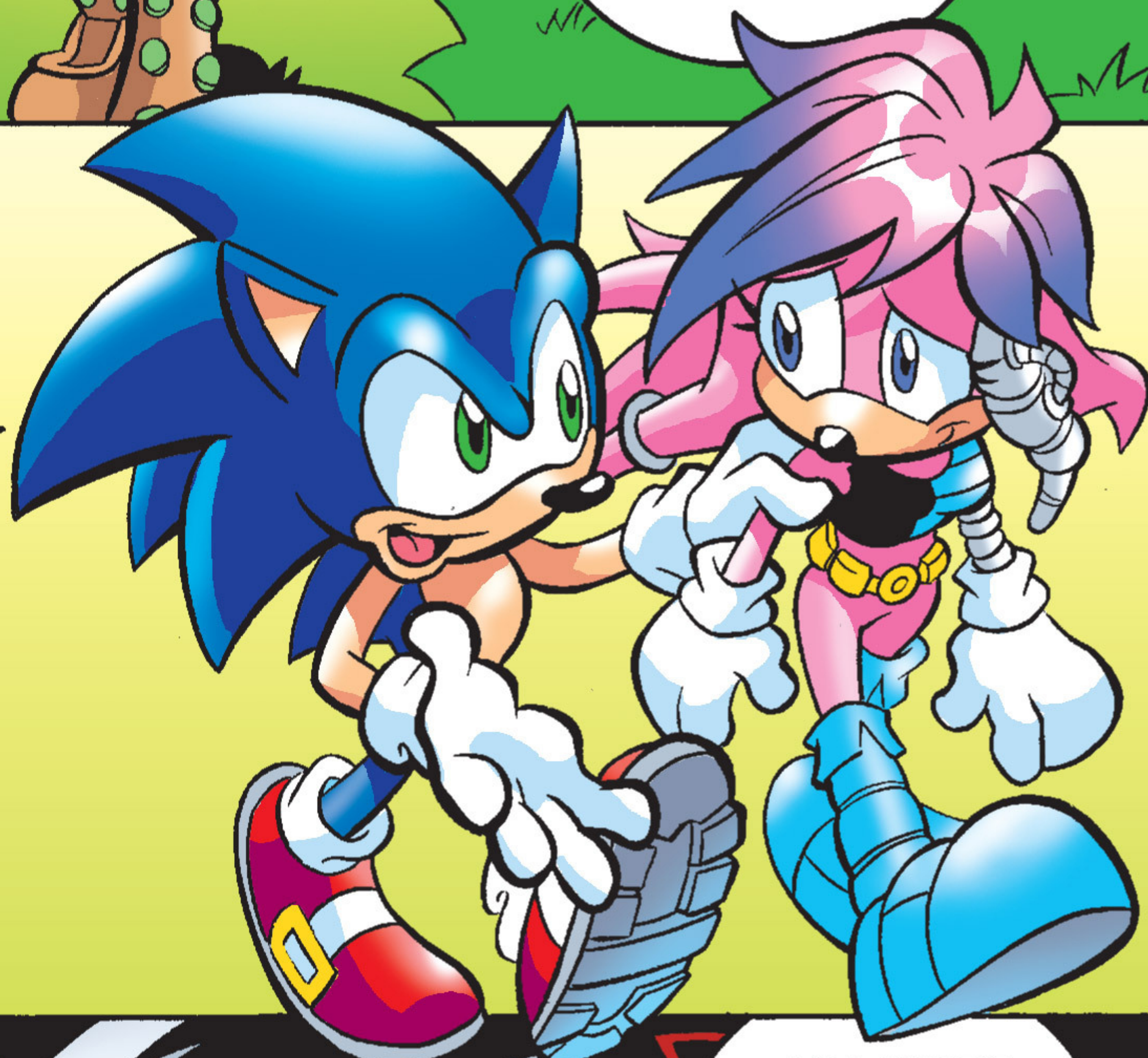
NOT LONG AGO,
THE BROTHERHOOD
OF GUARDIANS PREPARED
FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF
ENERJAK'S RETURN.
DOCTOR FINITEVUS HAD
SENT THE DESTRUCTIX
TO GUARD THE DEVICE,
THOUGH.



AND WITHOUT
THE MASTER
EMERALD,
YOU NEED SOME
EXTRA MUSCLE.
NO PROBLEM.

SEE?
NO WORRIES,
'SU! WE'LL GET
THIS GIZMO
AND HAVE
KNUCKLES
BACK TO
NORMAL
IN NO
TIME!

NO,
SONIC...



MY FORE-
FATHERS AND
I CRAFTED A
WEAPON. YOU
WILL HELP ME
**DESTROY,
ENERJAK!**



- HAS LOCKE TRULY
TURNED ON HIS SON?
- WILL SONIC GO ALONG
WITH HIS PLAN?
- WILL DR. EGGMAN GIVE
THEM THE CHANCE?!

ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT MONTH!

But First...TURN THE PAGE AND DISCOVER HOW LOCKE LEARNED THE TRUTH...!

ALBION'S SHAMEFUL SECRET

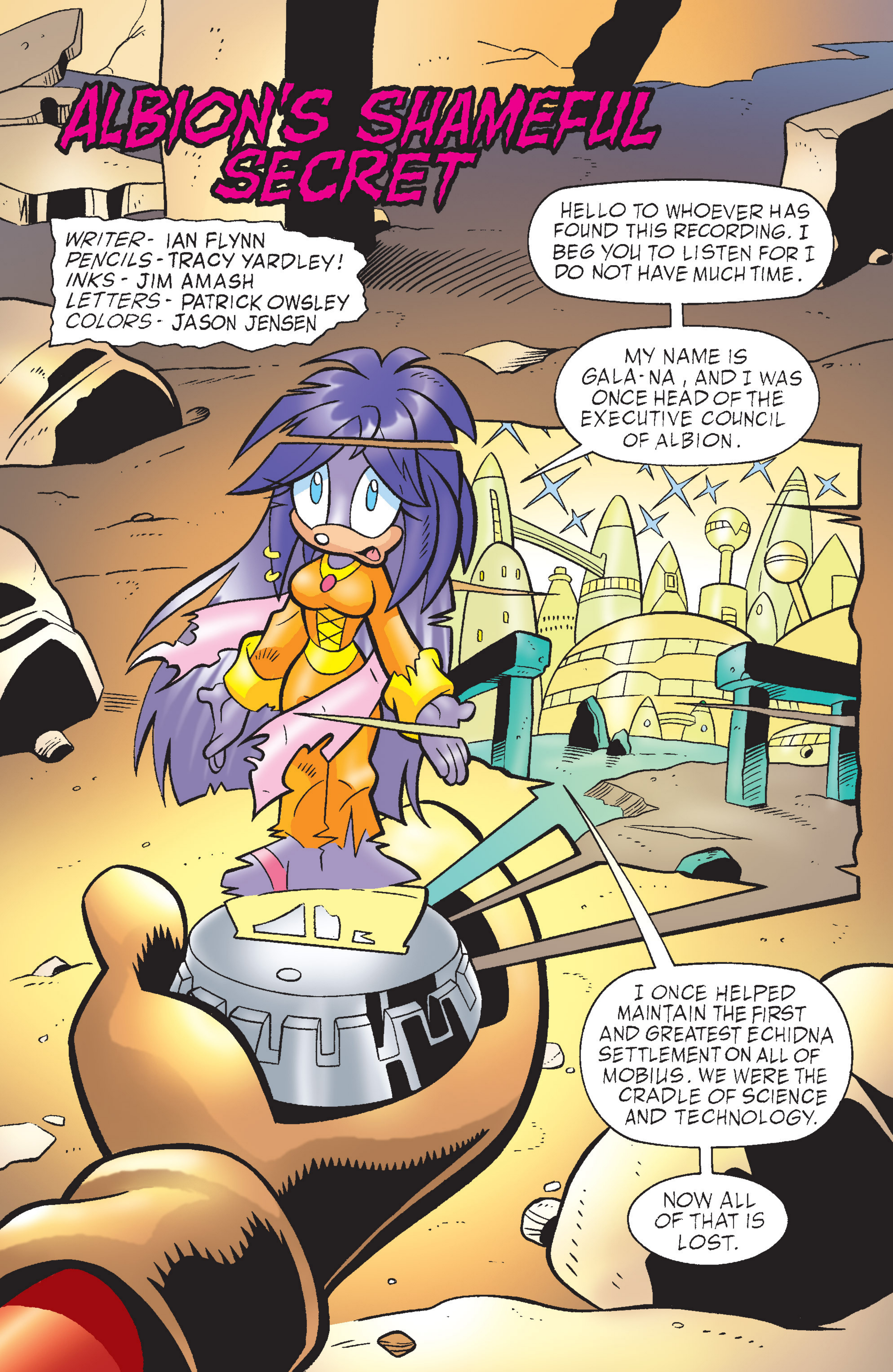
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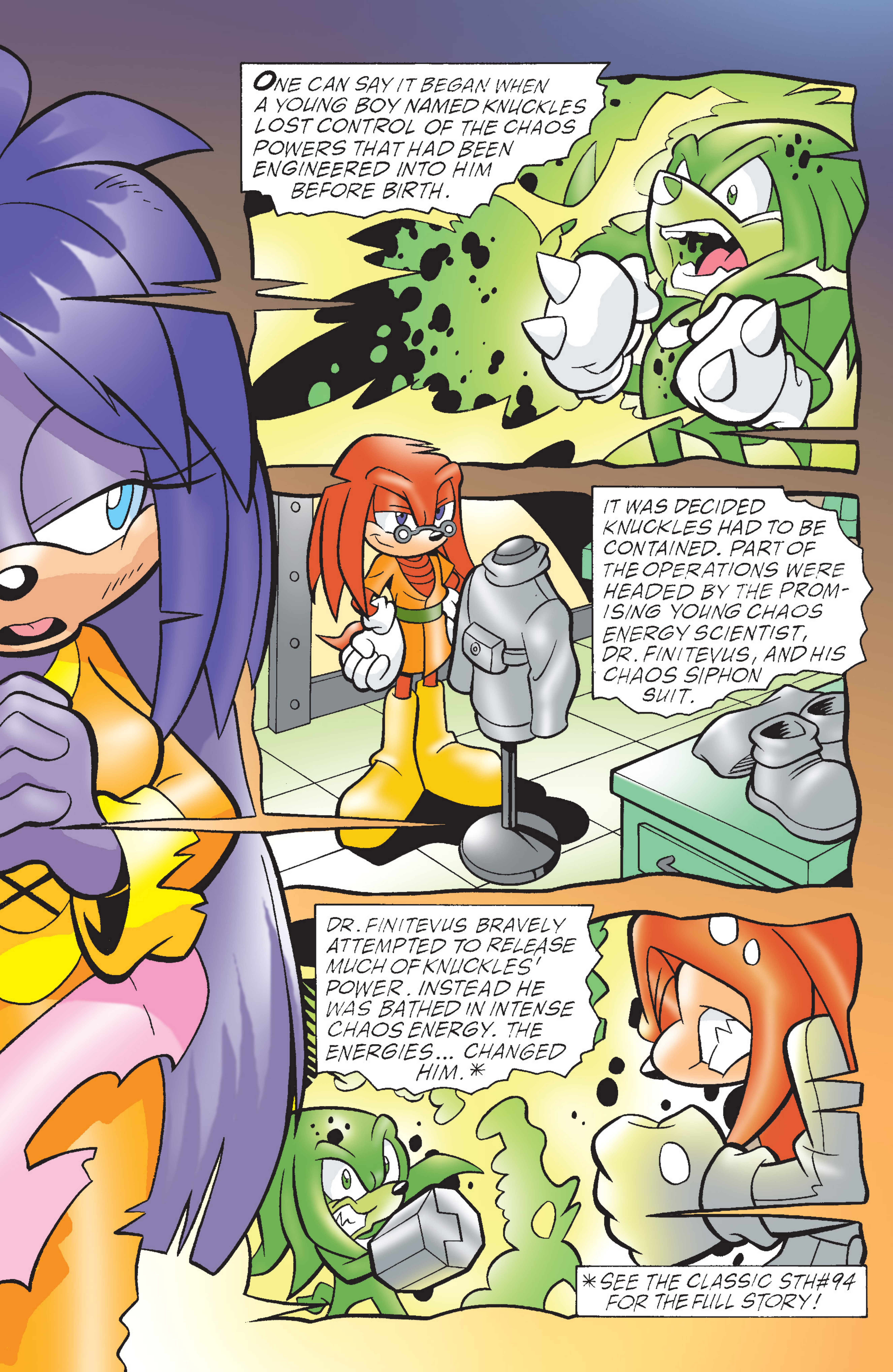
HELLO TO WHOEVER HAS FOUND THIS RECORDING. I BEG YOU TO LISTEN FOR I DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME.

MY NAME IS GALA-NA, AND I WAS ONCE HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ALBION.

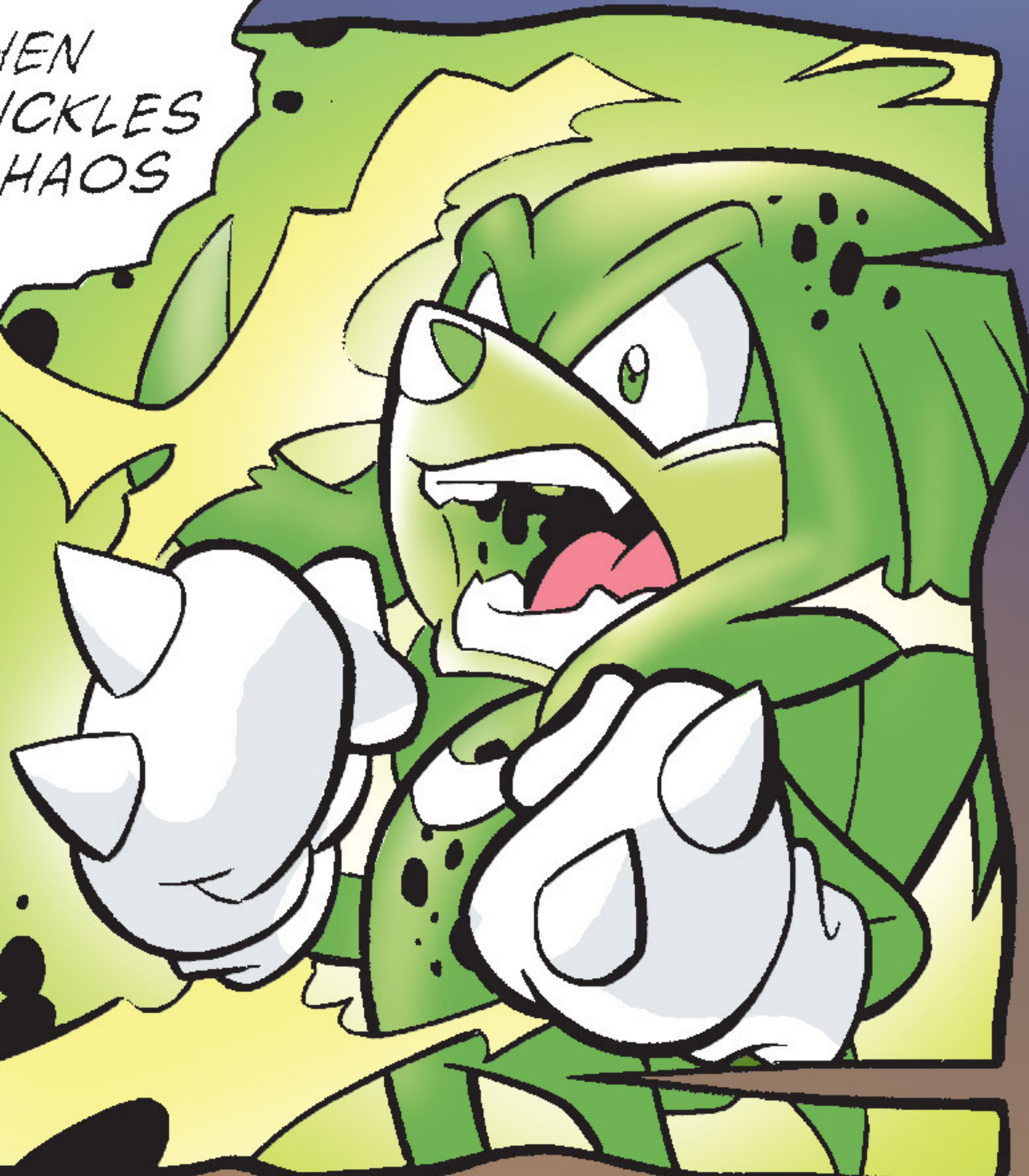
I ONCE HELPED MAINTAIN THE FIRST AND GREATEST ECHIDNA SETTLEMENT ON ALL OF MOBIUS. WE WERE THE CRADLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

NOW ALL OF THAT IS LOST.

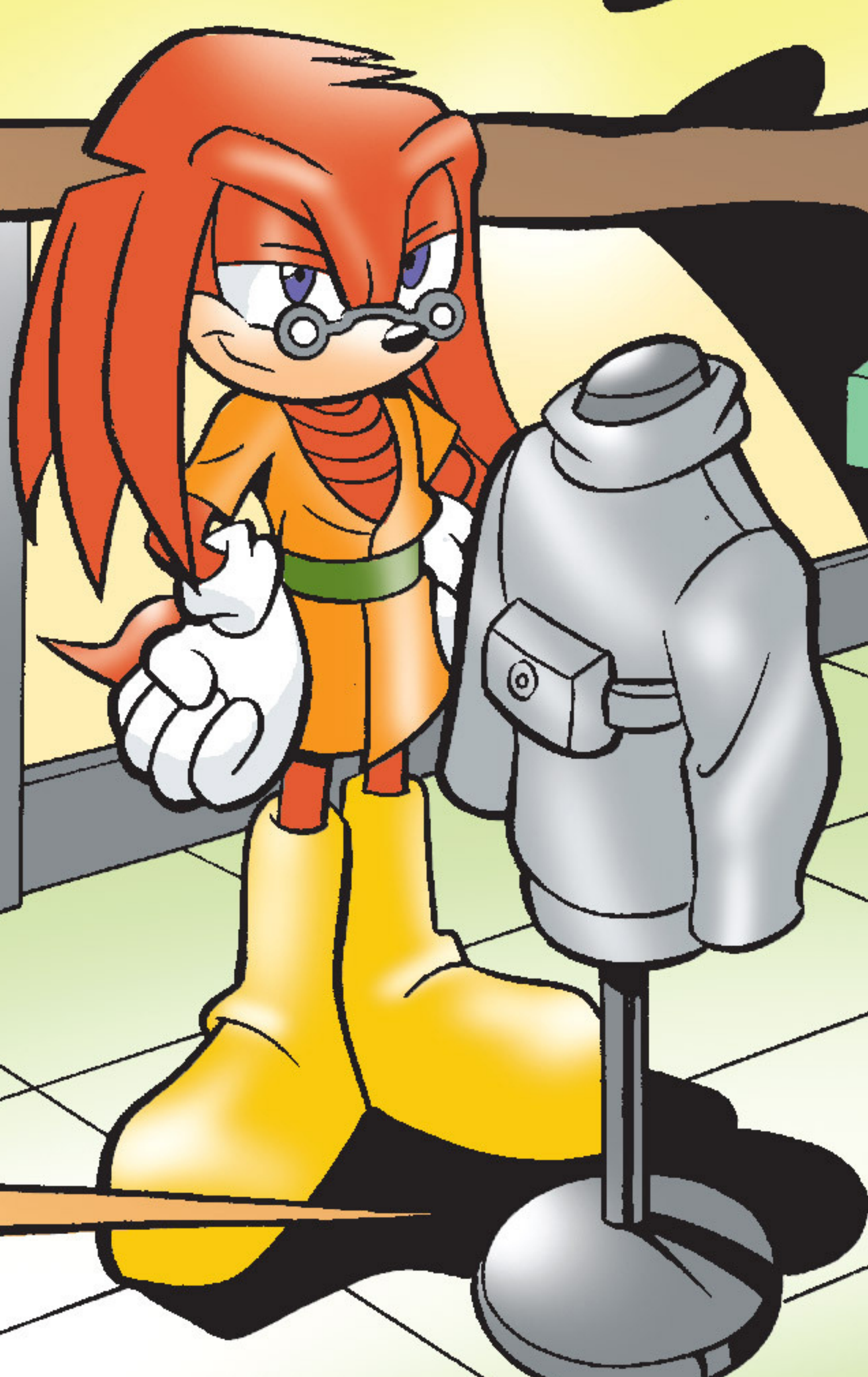




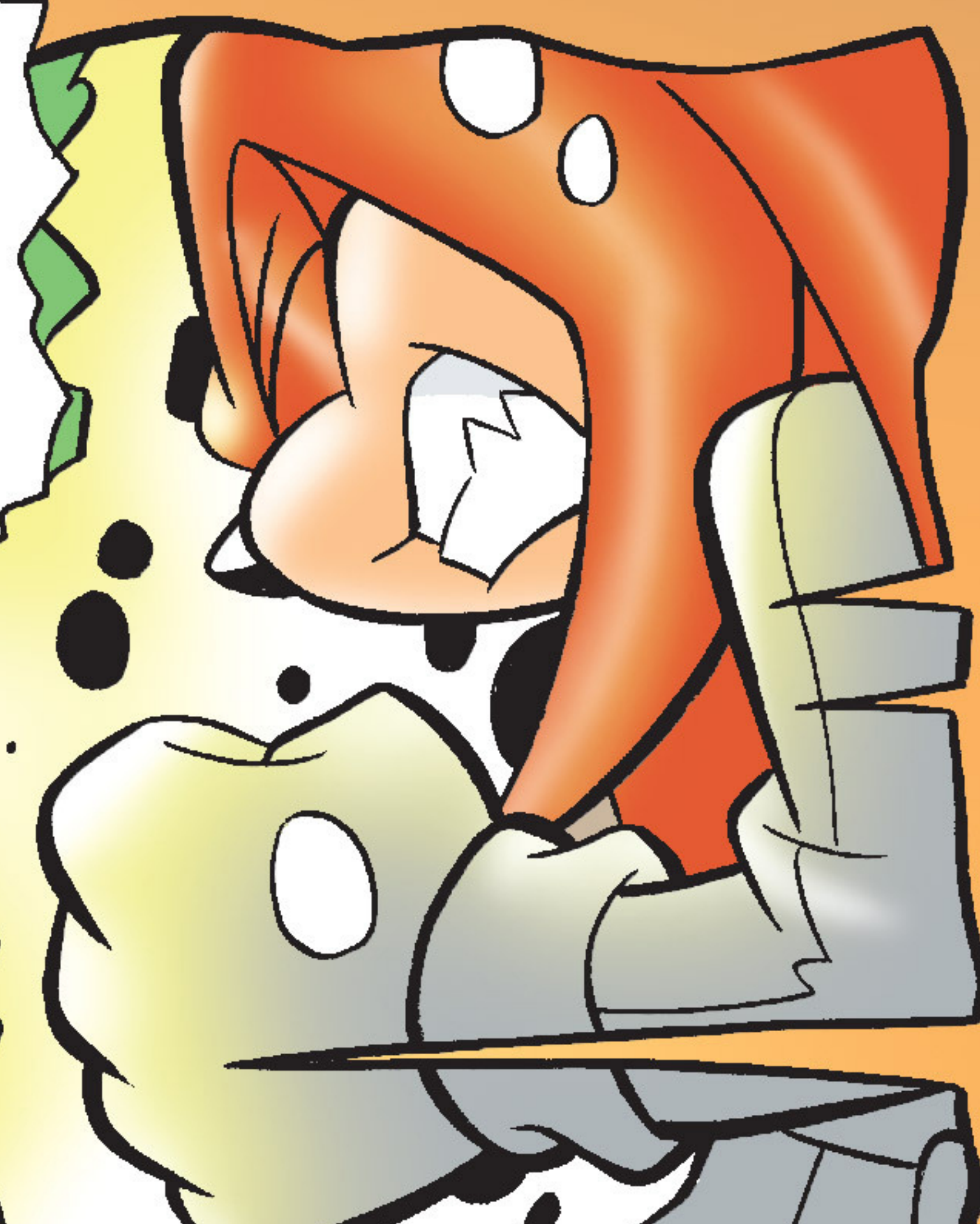
ONE CAN SAY IT BEGAN WHEN
A YOUNG BOY NAMED KNUCKLES
LOST CONTROL OF THE CHAOS
POWERS THAT HAD BEEN
ENGINEERED INTO HIM
BEFORE BIRTH.



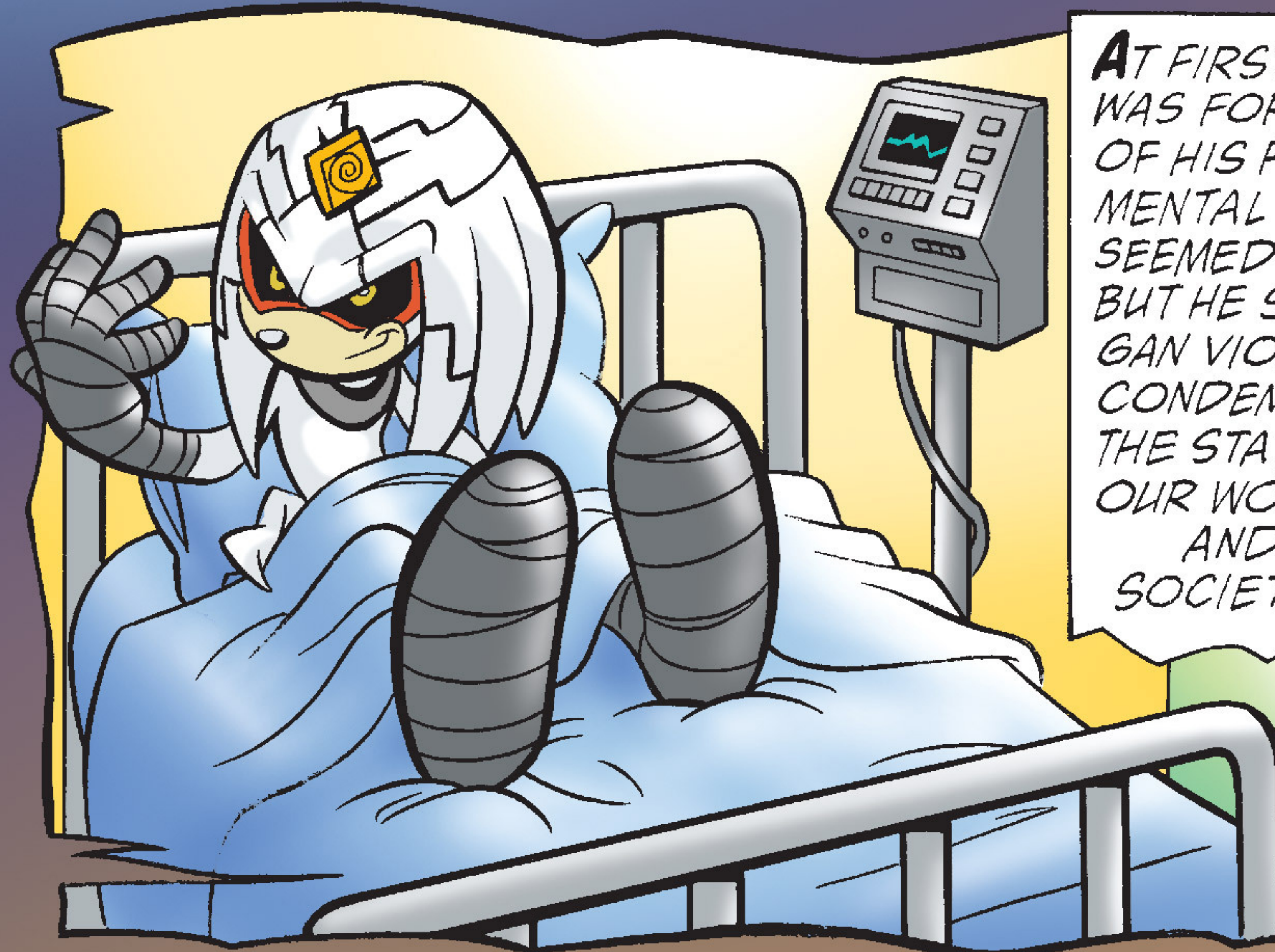
IT WAS DECIDED
KNUCKLES HAD TO BE
CONTAINED. PART OF
THE OPERATIONS WERE
HEADED BY THE PROM-
ISING YOUNG CHAOS
ENERGY SCIENTIST,
DR. FINITEVUS, AND HIS
CHAOS SIPHON
SUIT.



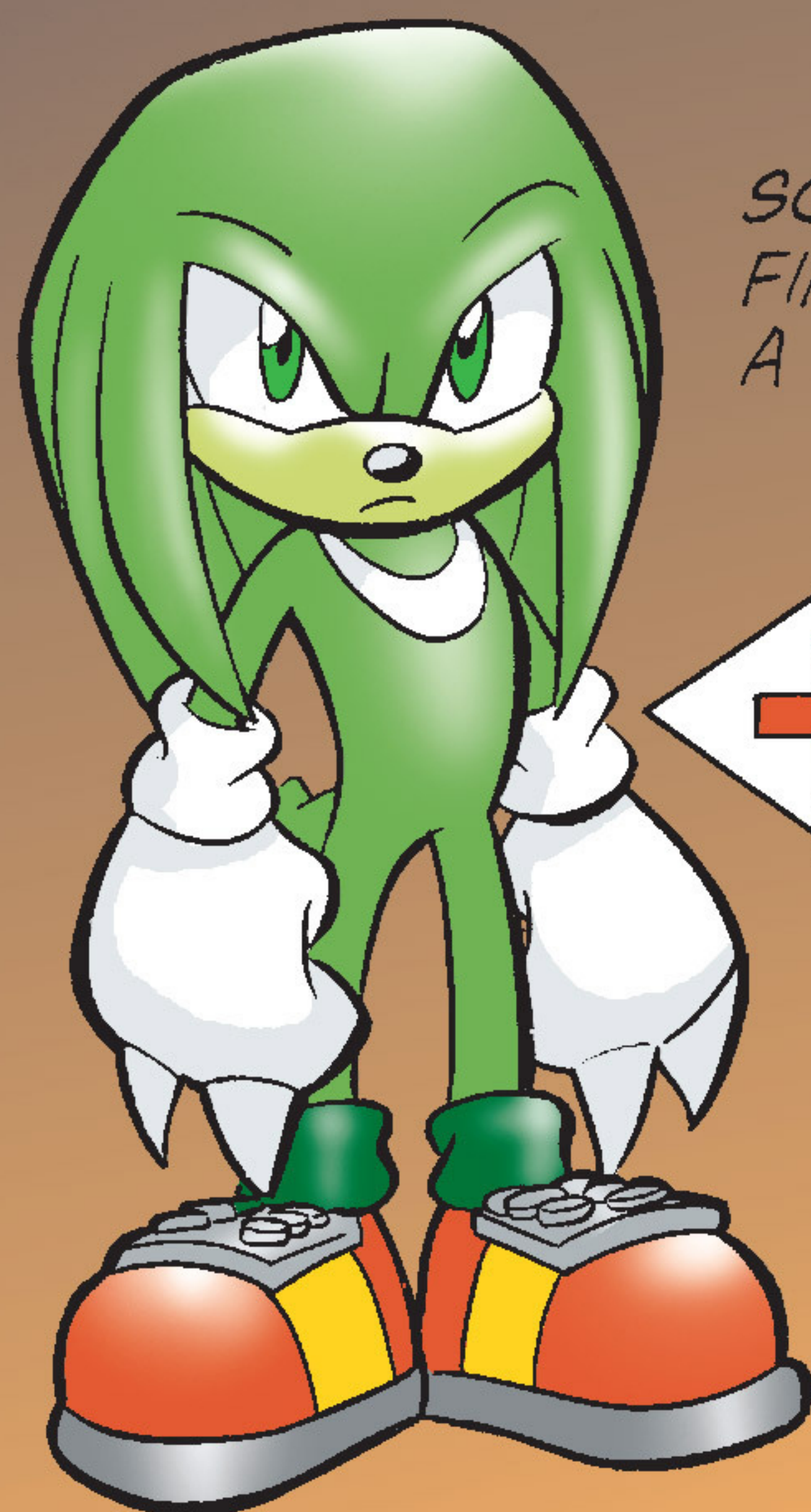
DR. FINITEVUS BRAVELY
ATTEMPTED TO RELEASE
MUCH OF KNUCKLES'
POWER. INSTEAD HE
WAS BATHED IN INTENSE
CHAOS ENERGY. THE
ENERGIES... CHANGED
HIM.*



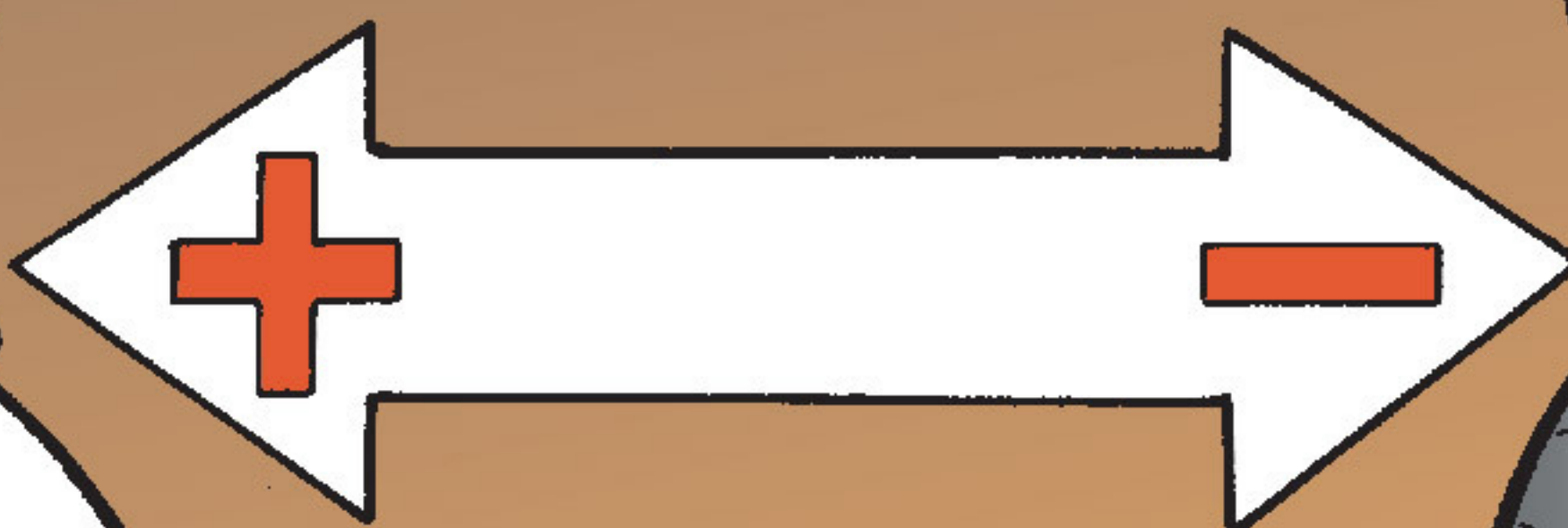
*SEE THE CLASSIC STH#94
FOR THE FULL STORY!



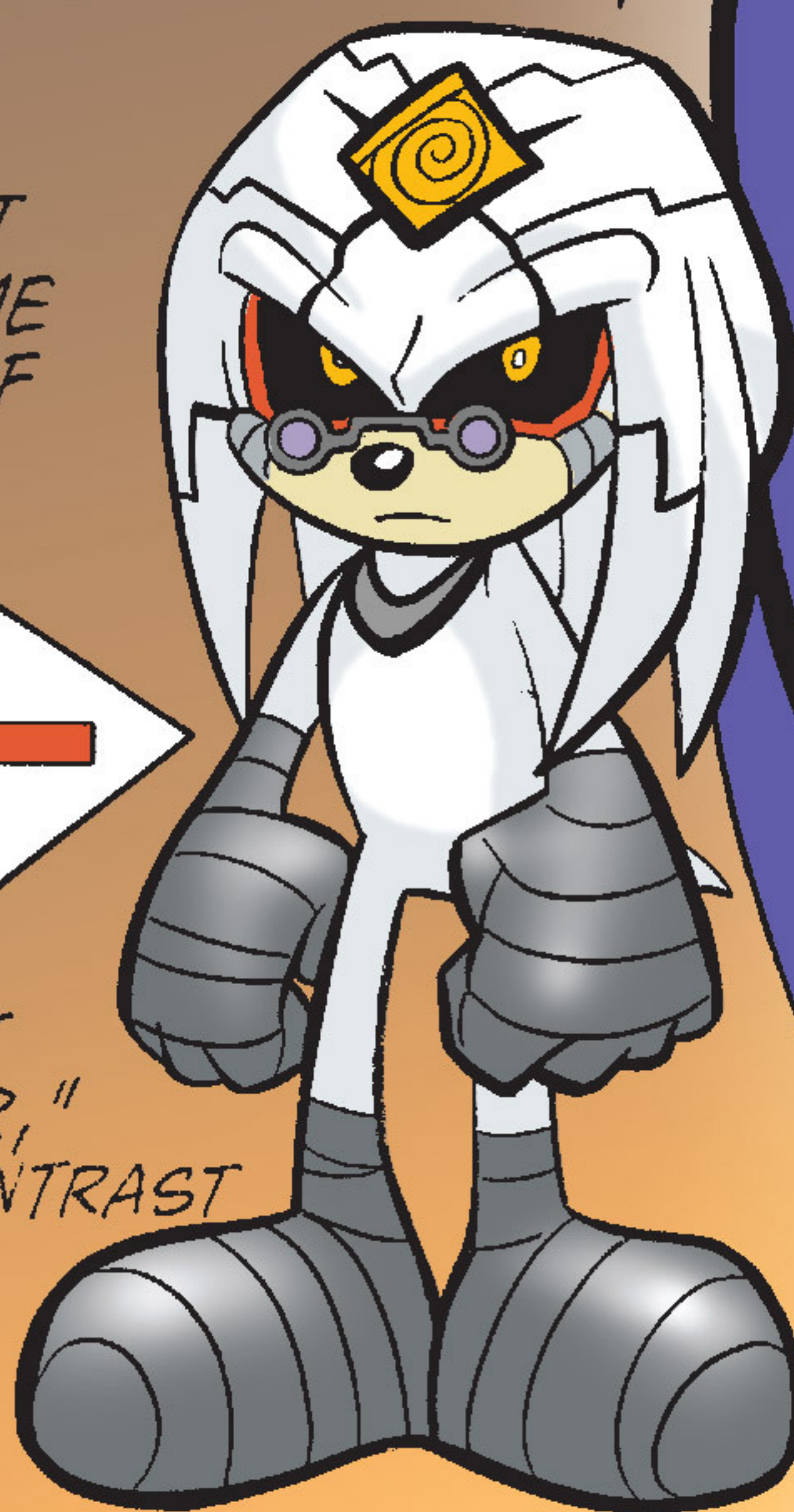
AT FIRST WE THOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE BEST. ALL OF HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRAITS SEEMED ENHANCED. BUT HE SOON BEGAN VIOLENTLY CONDEMNING THE STATE OF OUR WORLD AND SOCIETY...



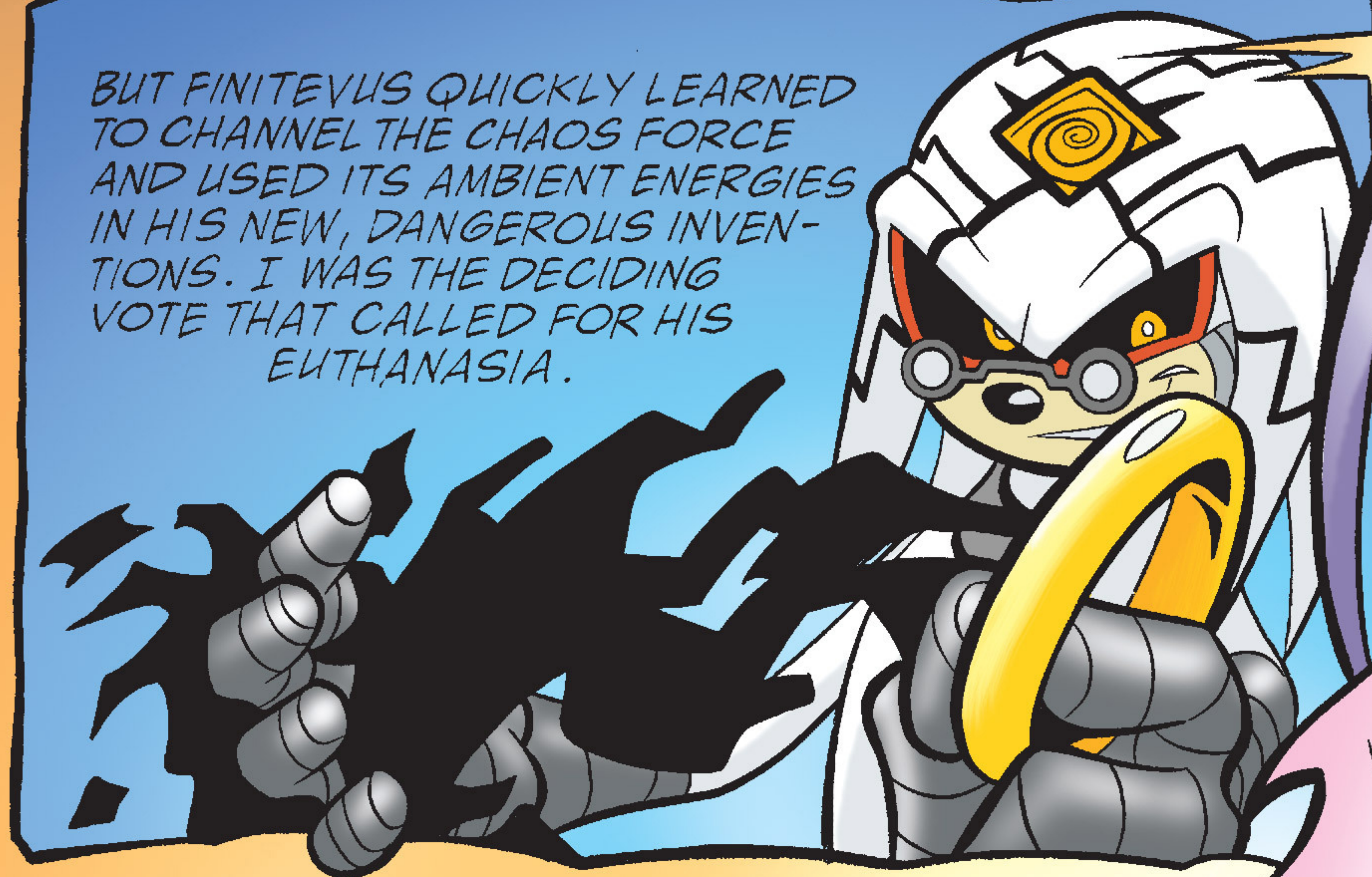
SOME THEORIZED THAT FINITEVUS HAD BECOME A "PHOTONEGATIVE" OF KNUCKLES.

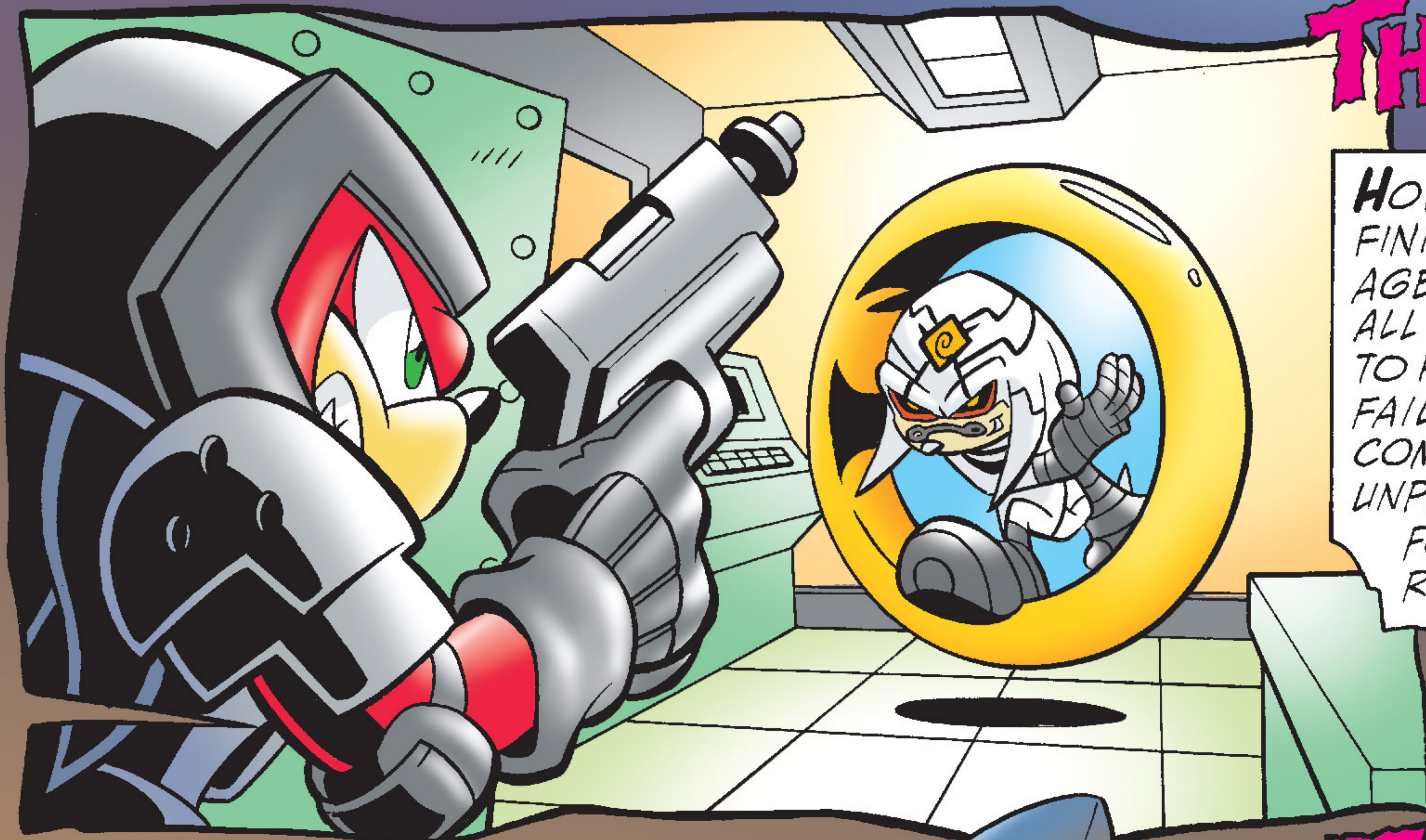


THEY CITED ANCIENT LORE OF AN "AVATAR," A PROTECTOR, IN CONTRAST TO FINITEVUS' RADICAL, DESTRUCTIVE PLANS. I SCOFFED THEN...



BUT FINITEVUS QUICKLY LEARNED TO CHANNEL THE CHAOS FORCE AND USED ITS AMBIENT ENERGIES IN HIS NEW, DANGEROUS INVENTIONS. I WAS THE DECIDING VOTE THAT CALLED FOR HIS EUTHANASIA.





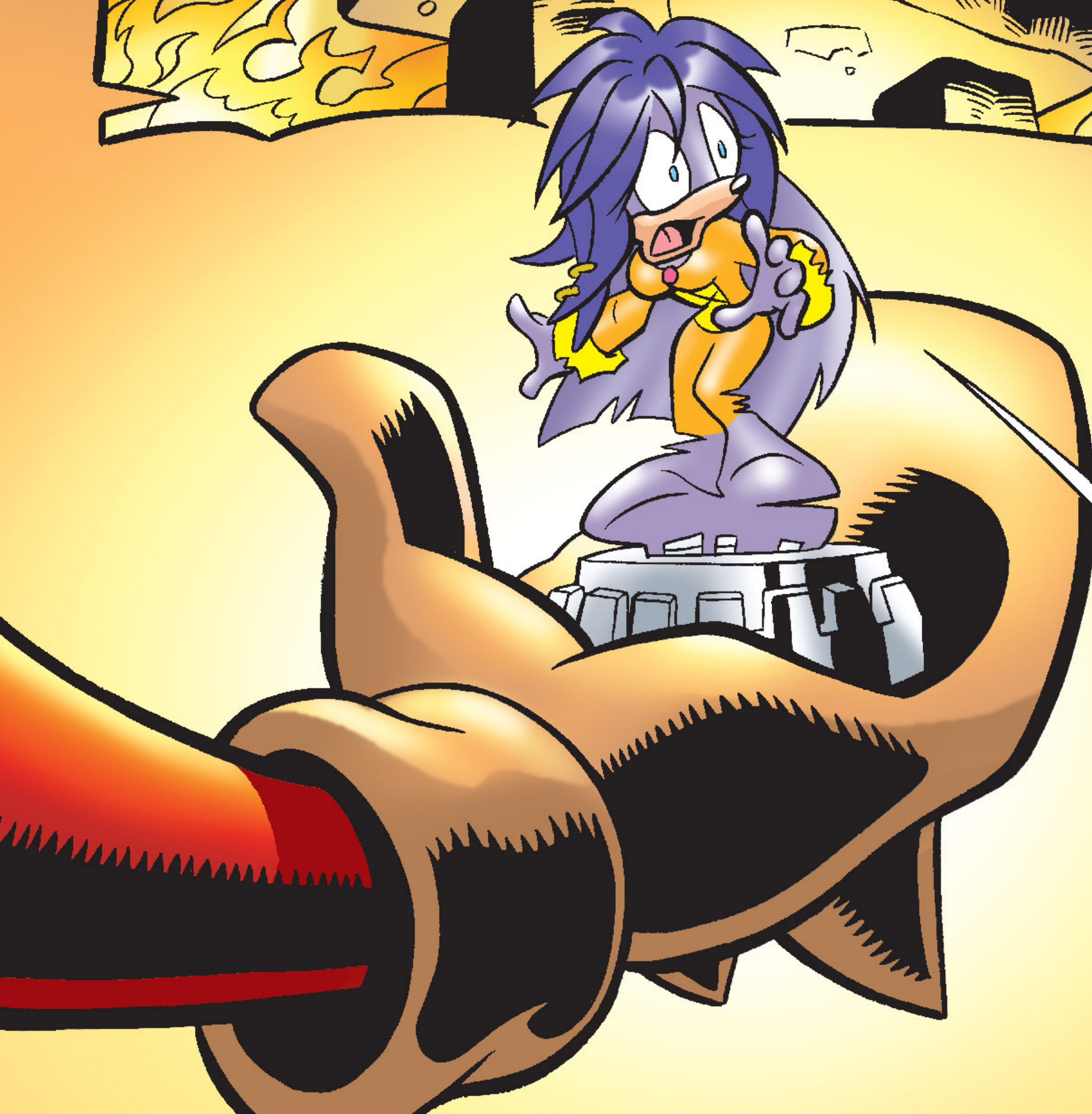
THUD!

HOWEVER, DR. FINITEVUS MANAGED TO ESCAPE. ALL OUR EFFORTS TO FIND HIM FAILED. WE WERE COMPLETELY UNPREPARED FOR HIS RETURN.



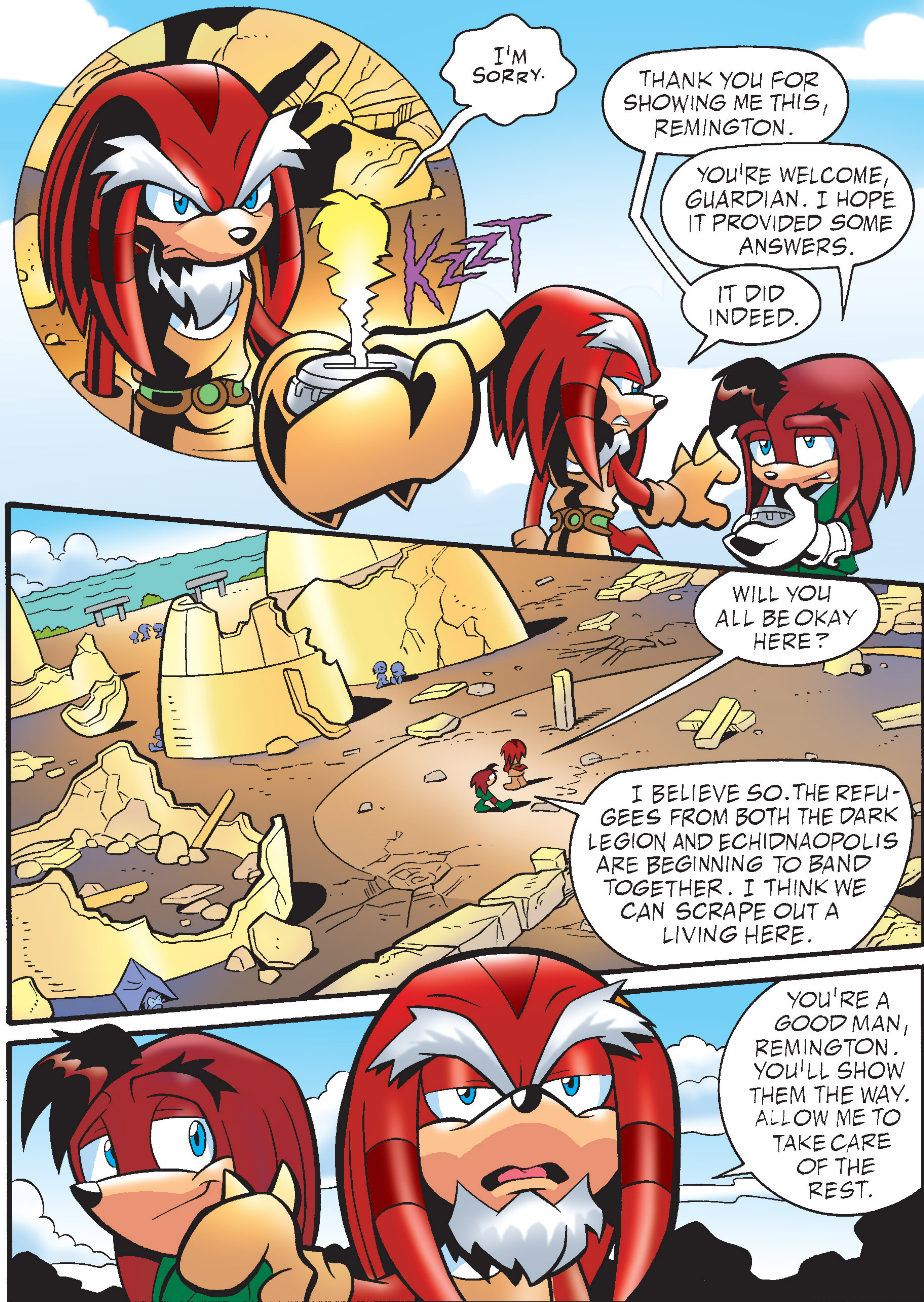
THUD!

HE SABOTAGED ALL OUR DEFENSES BEFORE LEADING AN INVASION FORCE FROM THE EGGMAN EMPIRE RIGHT INTO THE HEART OF THE CITY. IN A MATTER OF HOURS, DR. EGGMAN HAS LEVELED OUR CITY AND BEGUN TO CAPTURE US ALL.



THUD!

I HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, FIND AND STOP DR. FINITEVUS. HE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THE WORLD HAS BEEN REDUCED TO CINDERS. SAVE YOURSELF FROM OUR MISTAKE!



**THE ACTION CONTINUES IN SONIC # 183 ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/31/07!
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